

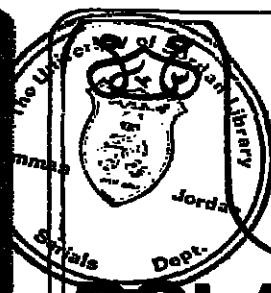
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1,200-kg shark caught in UAE

NICOSIA, Feb. 11 (AP) — An Arabian Gulf fisherman has netted a school of sharks, including a jumbo-sized one weighing a near-record 1,200 kilograms (2,640 lb), the Gulf News Agency (GNA) reported Thursday.

The fisherman, identified as Ali Hameed, was quoted as saying among the school of sharks caught in his dragnet were several weighing 100-200 kilograms (220-440 lb), in addition to the jumbo one. He caught them off Ras El Kaimah in the United Arab Emirates on the western coast of the Strait of Hormuz that forms the narrow entrance to the Arabian Gulf.

GNA said February is the beginning of the shark-fishing season, during which large schools of sharks enter the Gulf through the Strait from the Indian Ocean.

Hameed was quoted as saying this was his largest catch ever, since he started fishing 20 years ago. Previously he said he used to catch one or two small sharks at a time only. The species of the jumbo shark was not mentioned by GNA.

16 youths butchered 'House of horror' find stuns Britons

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Police on Friday pulled up floorboards, examined drainpipes and dug in the yard of a house in London, looking for 13 victims of a mass murderer who reportedly strangled drifters, then chopped and boiled their bodies.

Scotland Yard said a man was being held for questioning in what could be one of Britain's worst ever mass murders. He was expected to be arraigned later in the day, a spokesman said.

The man, who was not identified, was arrested after pieces of three bodies were found in the sewer of a house in the Muswell Hill District of North London. A plumber, summoned by neighbors complaining of a smell, discovered two decomposed heads and other body parts and called police.

"There was no whole carcass," plumber Mike Catran told reporters. "It was all chopped-up flesh, enough to fill four two-gallon (7.5 liter) buckets."

Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency, said the arrested man was a tenant in one of six apartments at the decaying, three-story house. It said he was thought to be a security guard and former London police trainee who cared for homeless people.

Shortly after the arrest, police descended on a second house, five kilometers away in the Kilburn District of North London. Press Association reported they expected to find 13 more bodies there. It did not say why.

As snow fell Friday, senior officers and forensic experts arrived with spades, sieves, boxes of equipment and sniffer dogs with which to examine the house.

Other officers stood guard outside the "house of horror," as newspapers have dubbed it, to keep away the curious. A scaffolding covered by blue plastic sheeting shielded the backyard from view.

Meanwhile, at the Muwell Hill house, police officers Friday removed several more plastic bags containing pieces of bodies. Press Association quoted detectives as saying the victims apparently met the killer in the house.

Denmark expels Soviet diplomat

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 11 (AP) — A Soviet diplomat was given 14 days Thursday to leave Denmark for alleged espionage, the Foreign Ministry announced.

He was identified as Evgenii Leonidovich Motorov, a science and technology attaché at the Soviet Embassy here.

A ministry spokesman said Foreign Ministry Managing Director Eigil Joergensen summoned the Soviet ambassador, Nikolai Egorychev, to his office Thursday afternoon and told the diplomat that Motorov had "engaged in illegal espionage during his posting in Denmark."

But to stay in cabinet Sharon quitting defense post

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Ariel Sharon will leave the Defense Ministry Monday, Prime Minister Menachem Begin's spokesman said Friday, but Sharon said he will remain in the cabinet.

Begin and Sharon spoke on the telephone Friday morning, and Uri Porat, Begin's spokesman, told the Associated Press by telephone that "he (Sharon) said that on Monday he's going to say goodbye to Israeli Army commanders and Defense Ministry workers, which means he is leaving the office."

Sharon appeared for a speech in Tel Aviv and told the AP: "There was a reshuffle of portfolios, and that's the end of the problem. I am still in the cabinet. Begin did not fire me."

He told a meeting of the Israeli Lawyers Association he would explain his moves later. "There'll be time for that when things calm down. He joked that he might return to farming. "Even though I'm wearing a tie now, I may take it off, although there are those who would like to tighten it around my neck."

The cabinet voted 16 to one Thursday night to carry out the recommendations of a judicial inquiry report which said Sharon should lose his job because of his indirect role in the Beirut massacre. The dissenting vote was Sharon's.

Moshe Arens, Israel's ambassador to Washington, emerged as the favorite to take over the Defense Ministry job. State radio said Begin had already been in contact with the ambassador.

Like Sharon, Professor Arens, 57, has a reputation as a hardliner and at one stage opposed the handback of Sinai to Egypt under the Camp David treaty.

Sharon's efforts to evade the inquiry's recommendations and hold on to his post divided Israel and brought thousands of demonstrators onto the streets of occupied Jerusalem and Tel Aviv Thursday night.

While the cabinet held an emergency session Thursday night, a hand grenade was hurled into a group of "Peace Now" demonstrators outside, killing one and wounding 10 others. President Yitzhak Navon and other

leaders issued televised appeals for calm. With tension still running high, thousands of "Peace Now" followers went to the northern port of Haifa Friday for the funeral of the man who died, Emil Greenweig, 33, a Romanian-born youth worker.

To calm the atmosphere, the Histadrut Trade Union Federation advised its members not to hold "harsh political arguments" because of the risk of provoking violence.

Israel radio reported some traffic jams developed in occupied Jerusalem as knots of people gathered and argued about the politically-motivated bombing.

The state radio said Begin responded to charges that the government had contributed to a climate of violence by delaying three days its response to the massacre commission, permitting demonstrators to build up momentum.

"There are those who accuse us of deliberating too long," Israel radio quoted him as telling the Likud members. "But how can one make such a painful decision in a hurry?"

PLO hails fall of a warmonger

ALGIERS, Feb. 11 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Friday welcomed Ariel Sharon's resignation as Israeli defense minister as the fall of a warmonger.

A PLO spokesman in Algiers, where the organization's leadership is currently meeting, said the conclusions of an Israeli inquiry commission into the Beirut massacres recommending his dismissal or resignation showed that Israeli public opinion had discovered how dangerous Sharon was.

The spokesman added that Sharon was not the only person responsible for last September's killings of civilian Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Beirut. He said the whole Israeli leadership was responsible for them and specifically called for the removal of the "terrorist Menachem Begin," Israel's prime minister.

Meanwhile, Cairo radio said Friday Sharon's resignation as Israeli defense minister is an "implicit condemnation" of Israel's invasion of Lebanon and a setback to Begin's policies.

"Observers believe Sharon's resignation amounts to an implicit condemnation of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and a strategic failure for Begin himself," the radio said.

"The resignation has demolished one of the obstacles which blocked Israeli doors to negotiations on the Palestinian problem," the radio added.

Mystery shrouds Shergar's safety

BELFAST, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Fears that Shergar, the world's most valuable racehorse, may have been killed by his kidnappers grew Friday after anonymous telephone calls to the BBC here and horse trainer Jeremy Maxwell.

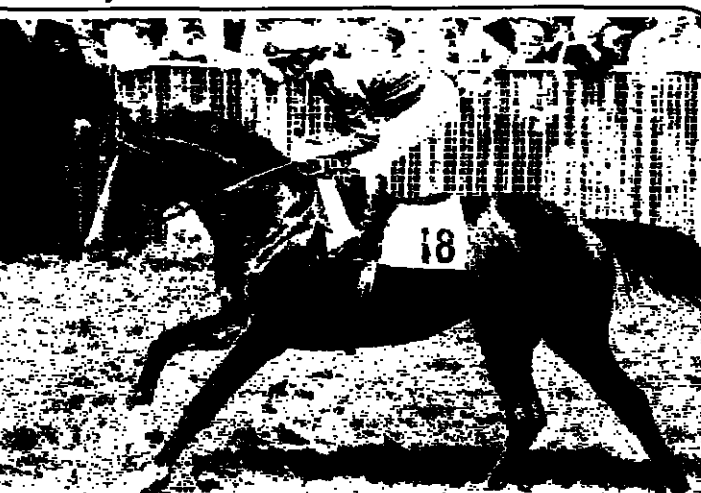
According to the caller, Shergar, kidnapped from an Irish stud farm Tuesday night, was injured and it had been "more humane" to put him down. However, the police said the champion Irish steed, valued at \$18 million, was still alive.

But Dublin police spokesman Jim Quinn said the calls were probably a hoax and Maxwell agreed. "We think Shergar's alive and police all over the country are searching barns, stables and similar places where we assume he's being kept," said Quinn.

Maxwell and his wife Judy emerged at the enter of the four-day drama Thursday after a number of calls from the alleged armed gang that seized the double Derby winner.

In one of Thursday's calls, a man reduced the original 2-million-pound (\$2.6 million) ransom demand to 400,000 pounds (\$52,000).

Mrs. Maxwell told reporters at her farm near Ardglass, County Down, that Friday's call came shortly after 7.30 a.m. "He said things had gone dreadfully wrong. He said there was a terrible accident and that the horse was dead. "I said I did not believe him and asked where his body could be found. He then hung up. If he is genuine then he will call back, but I feel he won't." Her husband added: "I don't think



Missing Shergar

the call was genuine."

Police said the number of hoax calls to the Maxwells, journalists and news organizations was hindering their investigation into the whereabouts of the 5-year-old stallion, retired in 1981 and sent to stud where it earns the Aga Khan and 34 other syndicate owners about \$110,000 for every foal produced.

One anonymous claim Thursday, discounted by police, was that the thieves had chopped off one of Shergar's ears. Many callers used the code word "Ark," one of Ireland's greatest ever racehorses, but police said the word was so widely publicized that it now meant nothing.

Habib devises three-stage withdrawal plan

BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (AP) — U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib arrived Friday amid reports he has devised a plan for a three-stage withdrawal of Syrian, Israeli and Palestinian forces from Lebanon in 10 weeks.

The new plan envisions a boost of the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut to 10,000 men from its present level of 4,700 U.S. and French marines and Italian and British troops, Lebanon's state and privately owned radio stations said.

Habib came from occupied Jerusalem shortly after Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's resignation. His departure was seen within the U.S. administration as a development that could break the stalemate in negotiations over a withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon.

Habib made no arrival statement. He was driven from the Beirut Airport near the U.S. Marine encampment to U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon's residence in the pine woods of suburban Yarz, eight kilometers east of the Lebanese capital, in a bullet proof embassy limousine.

All four Beirut-based radio stations quoted unnamed Lebanese officials as saying more than 5,000 additional troops from the United States and France would beef up the multinational force to superintend the withdrawal process.

A disengagement of Syrian and Israeli forces in the central Lebanese mountains to clear all sections of the Beirut-Damascus International Highway that would be patrolled by the Lebanese Army and multinational units, including U.S. Marines. The Palestine Liberation Organization releases at this stage the eight Israeli war prisoners it holds along with the bodies of other Israeli soldiers killed in the Lebanon war.

In the second phase, the Lebanese Army backed by units from the multinational force would take over the northern port of Tripoli

from the Syrians and Palestinians.

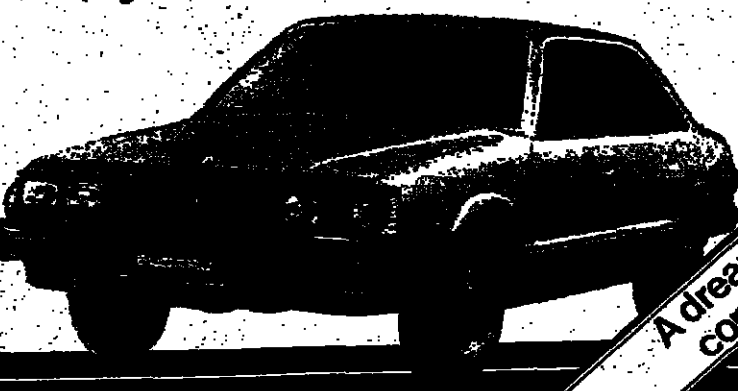
In a third and final stage Israeli and Syrian forces would withdraw to their internationally recognized border with Lebanon. The Lebanese Army, backed by units of the multinational force and the 6,300-man U.N. interim force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), would take charge of all security arrangements.

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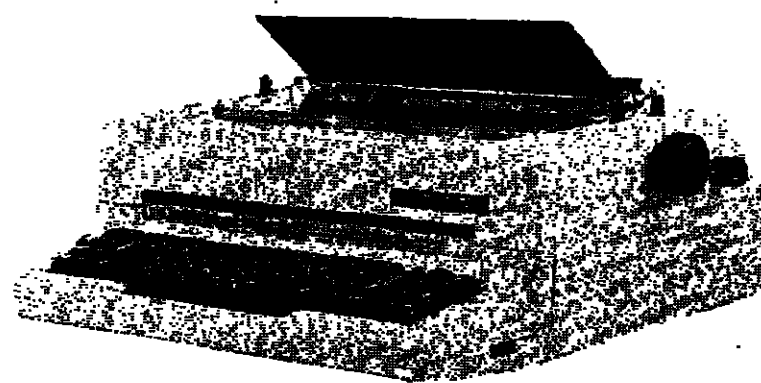
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'83 food exhibition inauguration Sunday

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 11 — With about 400 exhibitors from 27 nations giving the finishing touches to their stands at the Al-Dhifa Exhibition Center, everything is set for the grand inauguration of Saudi Food '83 Sunday Feb. 13. According to Stephen Luff, project manager of the show, this is the biggest food industry trade show in the Middle East with about one-third more participants than in the Saudi Food '81 exhibition held two years ago.

The show will be inaugurated by the Deputy Minister for Supply Tawfik Ibrahim Sunday and will be open for five days from Feb. 13 through 17 from 4 to 10 p.m. except on Thursday when it will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Luff told Arab News that there will be a dozen official national groups in the exhibition from Singapore (six companies), Sweden (12), France (22), Australia (26), Denmark (15), Holland (30), Britain (25), Brazil (10), Malaysia (5) and Ireland (5). In addition to this, a number of individual companies from the USA, Germany and other countries will also be there.

The exhibits include a range of products in food, beverages, food processing, hotel and catering equipment and shop fittings. The food products on display at the exhibition will vary from canned foods, cheese to sauces, shell fish, soups, vinegar and yeasts. The beverages include coffee, fruit juices, mineral water to non-alcoholic beers. Hotel and catering equipment ranges from automatic drink dispensers, baking equipment, barbecues, to towel dispensers, trays and trolleys, vending machines and water softening systems.

As a part of the show, he said, a competition called "Salon Culinaire" has been arranged for chefs and cooks from all over the Kingdom to express their gastronomic talents. The entrants to this competition will be asked to prepare different types of dishes which include cold sea food, Arabian menu, "grandes pieces" (presentation of meat, poultry or fish or a combination thereof with appropriate garnish) Far Eastern food on a national theme, hospital diet tray, gastronomic group, Middle Eastern pastries, wedding cake and bread. This competition will be held at Al Hofuf Room at the Riyadh Intercontinental Hotel on Feb. 16.

40 Swiss firms participating; Belgium joins for first time

By Habib Rahman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — The Saudi Food '83 exhibition scheduled in Riyadh from Feb. 13 through 17, is attracting an increasing number of foreign contingents. Switzerland is sending one of the biggest groups while Belgium is participating in such a show for the first time.

Swiss Embassy Commercial Attache Christian Muhlethaler told Arab News that 40 companies, representing a wide range of products, will take part in the five-day exhibit.

They will try to promote beverages, cheese, pudding and cream powder, flavor, baking agents, mixed spices, cake decoration of sugar, fly exterminator, automatic sesame seed processing plants, grinding and processing machines, air-dried beef, baking machines, biscuits, light machinery, cup filling and sealing lines for yogurt, ice cream and juices.

He said that Switzerland has been participating in such shows and the response to the Swiss products has been quite encouraging. The present group has been sponsored by the Swiss Office for the Development of Trade.

During the last two years, Swiss exports to the Kingdom have registered a 30 percent rise. In 1981 Switzerland exported

goods worth 1.18 billion Swiss francs while its exports in 1982 stood at 1.54 billion Swiss francs.

Different types of both light and heavy machinery account for 25 to 30 percent of its total exports to the Kingdom; watches and jewelry 20 percent each, chemicals 10 to 12 percent and textiles 5 percent, Muhlethaler said.

Belgian Embassy Commercial Counselor Jan Van Dessel said that his country's group, sponsored by its foreign trade office, will promote canned foods, egg powder, supermarket equipment, interior decorative materials, dairy products and other consumer goods.

The group's visit, he said, is a follow-up of the food festival held here in February 1982, in which 25 companies took part.

During the last two years, Belgium's exports to Saudi Arabia have witnessed a 25 percent rise. In 1981 it exported goods worth \$500 million while in 1982 it rose to \$600 million. At the same time, its imports from Saudi Arabia dropped to \$2.2 billion in 1982 from \$3.3 billion in 1981. The fall in imports was attributed to saving measures initiated in the energy field and also due to a sluggish economy.

Belgium's exports to the Kingdom consisted mainly of machinery (light and heavy), electrical goods, barley (animal feed), sugar, carpets, iron and steel, pharmaceuticals and plastic materials.

Crude production curtailment effect on Saudi Arabian budget disclaimed

RIYADH, Feb. 11 — Saudi Arabia's coming state budget will not be affected by the curtailment of oil production, an official Al-Gosaibi returns home after Sri Lanka visit

RIYADH, Feb. 11 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister and acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi returned home Thursday night after a few days' visit to Sri Lanka.

He held talks with Sri Lankan President Junius Richards Jayewardene on industrial cooperation between the two countries and possibilities of making use of Sri Lanka's manpower in this domain.

Housing chief appointed

RIYADH, Feb. 11 — Soliman Al-Sudairi has been appointed director general of the Interior Ministry's projects department by decree of Interior Minister Prince Naif, Al-Riyadh reported Friday. The department will look after the ministry's staff housing project. Prince Naif already signed the contracts for the construction of seven such housing cities and the work has started.

German minister leaves

RIYADH, Feb. 11 (SPA) — West German Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Josef Erul, left here Friday concluding a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia. During the visit, Erul held talks with his Saudi counterpart Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh on strengthening cooperation between the two countries in agricultural and water spheres and exchanging know-how and expertise.

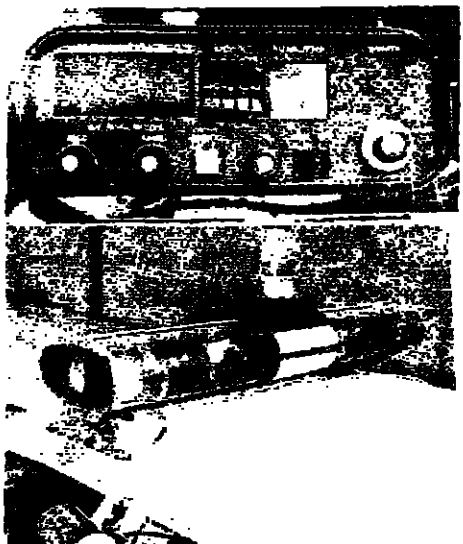


SAUDI-TURKISH VENTURE: A Saudi-Turkish joint venture, Rio-Cevahir Construction Company, managed by Veyzel B. Ozoguz, has taken up the job to construct the SR200 million Jeddah Corniche Commercial Center.

King Fahd to patronize Riyadh ceremony Water project open Feb. 22

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — King Fahd will dedicate on Feb. 22 a project that will supply desalinated water to Riyadh from the Arabian Gulf. A ceremony on the occasion will be held by the Saline Water Conversion Corporation, Al-Madinah reported.

SWCC Governor Abdullah Al-Ghaliqa



POLICE RADAR: The radar speed detectors that the Riyadh traffic department's patrol cars are equipped with to monitor the speed of various vehicles in and outside the city, especially on the highways.

Speed monitoring by mobile radar detectors planned

RIYADH, Feb. 11 — Patrol cars of the Riyadh Traffic Department have been equipped with radar speed detectors to monitor the speed of various vehicles in and outside the city, especially on the highways, Al-Riyadh reported.

According to Assistant Traffic Commander Maj. Muhammad Malahi, the device is made up of an electronic screen on which the speed of any car ahead is immediately recorded. It works when the patrol car is running and even when it is at a standstill and from a very long distance of several kilometers. It also gives the plate number of the speeding car and keeps it electronically.

The permitted speed near hospitals, schools and mosques is 25 kilometers per hour, and in main streets 50 kilometers per hour. On highways, motorists can run at a maximum 100 kilometers per hour, Maj. Malahi said. He added that drivers exceeding those speed limits will be liable to deterrent sanctions, including fines and imprisonment. He urged all drivers to cooperate.

said he was extremely honored that the King himself will inaugurate the Riyadh project and that all people in Riyadh shared this feeling. He added that King Fahd was giving priority to the development of water projects. The official said that it will be the first time that water is pumped from the Arabian Gulf to the depth of the Arabian Peninsula through two pipelines over a 466-kilometer distance. At the initial stage, 100,000 gallons of water will be pumped every day. The over-all capacity of Riyadh's desalination plant is of 210 million gallons. The water will be mixed within a proportion of 1:3 with the water of Al-Wasie field.

Ghaliqa said that the ceremony will take place east of the capital on the site of the corporation's reservoirs. King Fahd will push the button to begin the pumping of water at a grand ceremony organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water.

The water will be desalted at the second desalting station in Jubail before being channeled to Riyadh. Each pipeline will carry 400,000 cubic meters a day to Riyadh, when the project becomes fully operational. The completely separate pipes are made of steel and each one of them has a 60-inch diameter. They depart from Jubail through Dhahran, Shuqran, Hofuf and Khurais and end up at the final station at Al-Suwayy'e, near Riyadh. The water is stored there in six reservoirs of a storage capacity of 300,000 cubic meters.

In addition, there are six pumping stations in the areas through which the two pipes pass, to give a strong impetus to the water so that it may reach the final reservoirs near the capital. Pumping is scheduled to start in September 1983. Dr. Abdul Rahman ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water, told Al-Madinah that the project was a turning point in the history of water projects in Saudi Arabia.

The first phase of the Jubail water desalination project, with a production capacity of 30 million gallons of water per day, was completed recently. It will also generate 300 megawatts of electric power per day. The water is already being pumped to Jubail, the industrial complex and the naval base.

The second phase, geared to produce 310 million gallons and 900 megawatts a day, of which 175 million gallons will go to Riyadh daily, will render Riyadh less dependent on subterranean waters. It will bring to 332 million gallons of water and 2,400 megawatts of electricity a day the total water production along the eastern coast of Saudi Arabia.

And by adding together the production of desalination plants along the Red Sea coast and the Arabian Gulf coast, the total capacity of all desalination plants in Saudi Arabia will come up to 557 million water gallons and 4,900 megawatts of electric power every day.

Large commercial center to be ready in one year

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — A large commercial center is coming up fast in the busiest business area of downtown, facing the large Corniche parking lot. The 12-story Jeddah Corniche Commercial Center, spread over an area of 91,000 square meters and owned by Prince Miteb ibn Abdul Aziz, is being constructed by the Saudi-Turkish joint venture Rio-Cevahir Construction Company.

The company general manager, Veyzel B. Ozoguz, told Arab News two levels measuring 24,000 square meters will house shops, including two restaurants and one supermarket. There will be three floors of parking area accommodating nearly 750 cars, with two entrances and exits on both sides of the building. The six floors above the parking will be for offices and the top floor will be for mechanical services and maintenance, he added.

The piling work for this SR200 million project starting January 1982 and his company, working on an average rate of over 300 square meters per day, has now completed the construction.

"The block work is completed and air conditioning, plumbing, electrical and plastering work has started. It will be followed by cladding and the entire job is expected to be over in about a year," Ozoguz said.

The multistory building will be served by 12 passenger elevators, four freight elevators and five escalators will connect the shopping

area. There will be a fountain and small pool in the shopping area, he added.

"This is our first major project in the Kingdom, started last year, and now we have three additional construction projects on hand and are waiting for the approval of one more project in Jeddah," Ozoguz said.

A SR180 million project on hand includes a palace in Taif, three schools in Makkah and concrete work involving 26 bridges and 340 culverts on Makkah-Madinah feeder road.



MINIATURE CENTER: The final shape of things to come in about a year, can be visualized from the model of this commercial center.



COMMERCIAL CENTER: A huge commercial center, providing two levels for shops, three floors for parking and six floors for offices, is fast coming up in the downtown's busy area, facing the big Corniche parking lot. The block work is over and now airconditioning, electrical and plumbing work is in progress.

Hail's future plans endorsed

RIYADH, Feb. 11 — King Fahd has endorsed the proposals contained in the final report of the committee of joint-venture on the various immediate and future projects needed in Hail, Al-Riyadh reported. The committee visited the area last November. The proposals include a package of agricultural, health, water, road and other municipal projects.

Interior Undersecretary Dr. Ibrahim Al-Ogaili said that the projects approved by the king will be incorporated in the budgets of the respective government departments according to an elaborate plan.

Ministry transfers hospital cleaning contract

MADINAH, Feb. 11 — The contract for the cleaning of Health Ministry hospitals and dispensaries here has been withdrawn from the original firm, and given to another firm, Al-Mesa'ayah reported Thursday evening. The decree was signed, after a thorough verification, by Dr. Anwar Abdul Majid Al-Jabarti, Madinah's general supervisor of health affairs.

about the former company's inadequate performance. He added that the company failed to fulfill its commitments.

The new company will be given some of the health utilities to clean within the coming few weeks.

The official also said that acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi had ordered that every effort be made to look properly after the health services and raise their standards.

Eastern Province enacts agricultural quarantines

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 (SPA) — The Eastern Province General Agricultural Affairs Directorate recently opened agricultural and veterinary quarantines at the two gates of Salwa and Al-Khafji.

have been established at Saudi Arabia's entrances. The quarantine zones, staffed with highly qualified veterinary and agricultural technicians, will monitor and check all agricultural and animal products entering Saudi Arabia and thoroughly examine the animals and frozen meat.

It is the first time that such quarantines

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High-level U.S. farm credit team arrives today

By Sarah Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — A high-level six-member mission from the United States, led by the U.S. Farm Credit Administration Governor Donald Wilkinson, arrives here Saturday on a nine-day visit to the Kingdom, according to American Embassy Commercial Officer Donald P. Trader.

The team includes Farm Credit Administration Deputy Governor Larry Bacon; South Carolina's Federal Land Bank President Clinton Horne; Wichita Kansas Federal Land Bank President Marion Mathews; Omaha Nebraska Bank for Cooperatives President John Harting and Sacramento Federal Intermediate Credit Bank President George Anderson.

Besides studying the activities of agricultural bank and farming progress in Saudi Arabia, the team will also ponder the prospects of commodity marketing, agriculture know-how expertise, Trader said.

They will be in Jeddah on until Sunday and meet Western region officials of the Saudi Arabian Agricultural Bank.

While in Riyadh, the team will have discussions with officials of the Saudi-U.S. Joint Commission, the Saudi Arabian Agricultural Bank and the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. The members will visit farms near Al-Kharrj on Feb. 16 and Hofuf on Feb. 19. They will tour Aramco on Feb. 20.

"Farm products command a big share in U.S. exports to the Kingdom," said Trader. The total commodity export was worth \$500 million out of the entire U.S. exports to Saudi Arabia which stood at \$8.05 billion in the first eleven months of last year.

Last November U.S. exports to the Kingdom were worth \$616 million, compared with \$604.6 million in November 1981, but had declined from \$758.5 million in October 1982.

U.S. imports from Saudi Arabia declined sharply from \$13.41 billion in the first eleven months of 1981 to \$7.09 billion in the same period last year. "The imports have declined due to reduction in our oil consumption," Trader said.



Donald P. Trader

World's largest game reserves claimed Zambia promotes wildlife hunting

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — Zambia, a land of forest in the black African continent with its rich game concentration like those of Mozambique and Zimbabwe, is inviting Arab game enthusiasts to exploit its "untouched" wildlife.

"In fact, we are keen on the Middle East sportsmen to come and hunt game which is so far the exclusive preserve of Americans and Europeans, especially the French, Italians and Germans," Yusuf Patel, who heads the Busanga Trails Limited, a safari company-cum-travel agency, told Arab News.

Patel, who has been meeting Arab sport lovers here, said very few Arabs have been hunting in his country.

"We want a minimum of hunters to come and give us the maximum of foreign exchange," Patel said adding that the foreign exchange earned from this part of tourism is "nothing significant."

The landlocked Zambia in South-Central Africa, which is as big as France, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary combined, has one more advantage — it has been closer to Islam since the country, like the neighboring Malawi, Mozambique and Tanzania, has a big Muslim population having been converted by early Arab settlers. Zambia has 100,000 Muslims out of a total 5 million population, Patel said.

He said his company can take just five to 10 hunters in one whole hunting season since it believes in giving personal attention throughout the game session which normally spans four to six weeks. "Hunting is guaranteed because there are special hunting areas near each of the 15 government-controlled national parks that the country has. The animals can be hunted when they stray out of the parks," Patel added.

He said there are enormous herds of elephants, antelopes, crocodiles, hippos, rhinos, buffaloes, lions, leopards and bulls. The hunting of rhinos is banned since the species is getting extinct. "We may get as much as \$5,000 per rhino but we won't be able to replace it. Moreover, they breed slowly," Patel added.

He said even elephants are not being allowed to be hunted except in the areas where they are found to be damaging vegetation. In such areas, we allow their cropping by sportsmen. There are as many as 100,000 elephants in a single national park.

Even in the case of other animals, he said, the hunting of males is allowed but not of females, in the interest of keeping the wildlife population on an even keel. Besides, there are 470 varieties of birds which are the most favored targets of the Italian hunters, he said.

"The extermination of the different species of animals is not taking place because of the professional hunters and sportsmen but because of poachers," Patel said and added: "Poaching is done mostly by international syndicates for whom the rhino's horns and the elephant's ivory mean big business."

Locally, he said, about 500 sportsmen regularly hunt and there are many safari companies conducting them as well as those coming from overseas.

Explaining Zambia's wildlife features, he said the country is a sanctuary for almost every species of African animal and bird life. The continent's greatest elephant concentration is here and it probably is the last stronghold of the black rhino. The country is the home of the unique Kafue, the black lechwe and the graceful antelope that lives on the floodplains. The bird life is incredible in both variety and numbers.



Yusuf Patel

Patel said the Kafue National Park is one of the largest game reserves in the world. Bordered by the Kafue River, an 800 km tributary of the Zambezi, it stretches for 22,500 square kms far to the north and west, covering an area as big as the Wales.

As one enters the park, one is bordered by woodland which alternates with thickets and open grasslands until one reaches the northern most camp at Ntemwa where begins the very famous Busanga Plains.

"Slowly the tree line recedes giving way to an endless, green open plain for as far as your eyes can see you will encounter not a single tree. This plain abounds with game of all variety and over 420 species of birds have been recorded in this park," Patel said.

The famous, rare red lechwe unique to Zambia in herds of thousands are concentrated at the water holes and rivers of the plain. In the north there are vast plains where cheetah can be seen, in the south large herds of sable and roan antelope with regal sweeps of horn roam at will. Buffalo herds are often in hundreds and zebra, elands and elephants, are plentiful. Predators include many lions, hyenas, leopards and wild dogs.

"Cheetah sightings are common here, as are leopards in the day time, which is unusual as they are mostly nocturnal and shy. You will spend an entire day driving on the plains and will encounter herds of buffalo exceeding 3,000, the majestic sable antelope with curved horns, roan, eland, kudu, zebra, impala, puku reedbuck, wildebeest, haartebeest, oribi, common, yellow backed and blue dinker, wild dogs, grysbok, warthog, several lion kills, rhino and, of course, the Kafue elephant which stands much taller than the Luangwa cousin," Patel said.

Close by the plains, he said, is Moshi camp which is built on a hilltop that overlooks the Lufupa River and a small part of the plain. "For those who are of the pensive type and seeking peace and solitude then this is your camp. From your hilltop dining room you can watch the multitude of impala, hippo and elephant come for their evening drink and enjoy with them the glorious sunset. Your peace will often be broken by the trumpeting elephants and vociferous lions," Patel said.

The remaining two camps of the Kafue Park are both "river camps" on the Kafue itself. The most centrally situated camp is at the confluence of the Lufupa and Kafue rivers called Lufupa, Patel said and added: "You can do fishing here to your heart's content."

After spending a whole day on the plains, there is no better way to relax than to laze on the silently flowing edge of the river watching the sun go down over the huge expanse of water at the confluence and enjoy a barbecue under the moon and stars with the orchestra-like night sounds, he said.

"In the stillness of the night, your guide Muhammad Patel will show you how a full grown lion's roar can carry down wind a distance of 5 kilometers. Having lived all his life in Zambia and brought up in the bush the guide will share with you and show you the wilds of the Kafue that will be your cherished memories," Patel added.



SAFARI IN ZAMBIA: The wildlife-rich Zambia map showing the locations of the various national parks and lodges which may interest game enthusiasts. The Kafue National Park with the Ngoma National Lodge is along the western boundary, the North Luangwa National Park and the South Luangwa National Park with the Chichele and Mfuwe lodges along the eastern boundary, and the Sumba National Park with two lodges — Nkamba Bay and Kasaba Bay — in the north.



LIVE LOBSTER: Hyatt Regency Hotel of Riyadh executive sous chef John W.M. Beveridge displaying a live lobster to drive home the point that the hotel airlifts 90 percent of the seafood, meat and vegetables to add fresh flavor to the preparations.

Hyatt Regency airlifting seafood, meat, vegetables

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 11 — The Hyatt Regency Hotel in Riyadh airlifts 90 percent of its seafood, meat and vegetable requirements to lend its preparations a distinctive flavor, according to its food and beverage manager, Rudolf Steinlein.

"What's more, the customer makes his own pick from a collection of live lobsters from Canada, fresh water crayfish from France, turbot from the North Sea, and oysters and mussels from Nice (France)," Steinlein told Arab News.

"What matters is the quality of the food rather than the freightage which constitutes only four percent of the cost," Steinlein said adding that all the items are airlifted from a single supply point, Holland, noted for speedy execution of orders.

And for the Seafood Night, the Hotel's Monday attraction every week, some 400 kilograms of shrimps from the Arabian Gulf and about 250 kg. of fresh hamour red fish are bought on a weekly basis from the Saudi Fisheries Co. of Dammam to meet a growing demand for seafood, adds Joerg Paddatz, executive chef, whose favorite hobby is collecting books on cookery the world over and experimenting with Japanese cuisine.

According to Paddatz, Saudi Arabians fancy fresh lobsters, marinated salmon (gravelax) and shrimps, with the best varieties coming from the Gulf. Another popular feature is the Fondeau Night every Thursday, when the customer selects and cooks his own food, a practice common in Switzerland and catching on in the Kingdom.

But those not initiated into the art have a lot of varied fare to choose from. The cold buffet, for instance, comprises a wide range of seafood and salads, from sturgeon, pickled shell fish, marinated Swedish salmon (a specialty), smoked eel, pickled cockles and mussels to fresh asparagus seaweeds and vegetables. The hot food consists of grilled sardines, poached salmon trout (again a delicacy), all accompanied with hot garlic bread.

The hotel, which employs chefs from ten nationalities, features Italian Night on Tuesdays and brunch on Fridays. Future plans, according to John W.M. Beveridge, executive sous chef, include a barbecue night, and the opening of seven different restaurants, among them a Chinese, a Japanese, an Italian, a tandoori (for Pakistanis and Indians) and a cafe Viennois, to serve ethnic cuisine and offer cuisine nouvelle to food connoisseurs.

SR324,400 donated for handicapped children

RIYADH, Feb. 11 — Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the minister of industry and electricity, who is also chairman of the Handicapped Child Care Foundation here, has received a new wave of donations totaling SR324,400 from the public for the handicapped children's welfare project.

Donors included Muhammad Ibrahim Al-Dakheel who gave SR100,000; Muhammad Al-Aleey and his brothers (SR100,000); the Saudi Fund for Industrial Development (SR50,000); Al-Jezira press institution (SR30,000); SR5,000 and SR6,000 anonymously; and several other contributions.

33,047 passengers leave within 3 days

RIYADH, Feb. 11 — The number of passengers from Riyadh airport rose to 33,047 during the first three days of the spring holiday, an increase of 1,622 passengers over the same period last year, *Al-Madina* reported.

Abdullah Homoud Al-Athal, Saudi's assistant general manager here, said that preparations were in full swing to receive the returning passengers.

Wrestling bouts started

DAMMAM, Feb. 11 (SPA) — A three-day open wrestling championship, organized by the Youth Welfare Bureau in the Eastern Region, began Friday.

A number of clubs and bodies in the region are taking part in the championship, held in the Youth Welfare Stadium, on the Khobar-Dammam Road.

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:51	3:50	3:21	3:06	3:30	3:58
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:18	6:15	5:46	5:31	5:55	6:23
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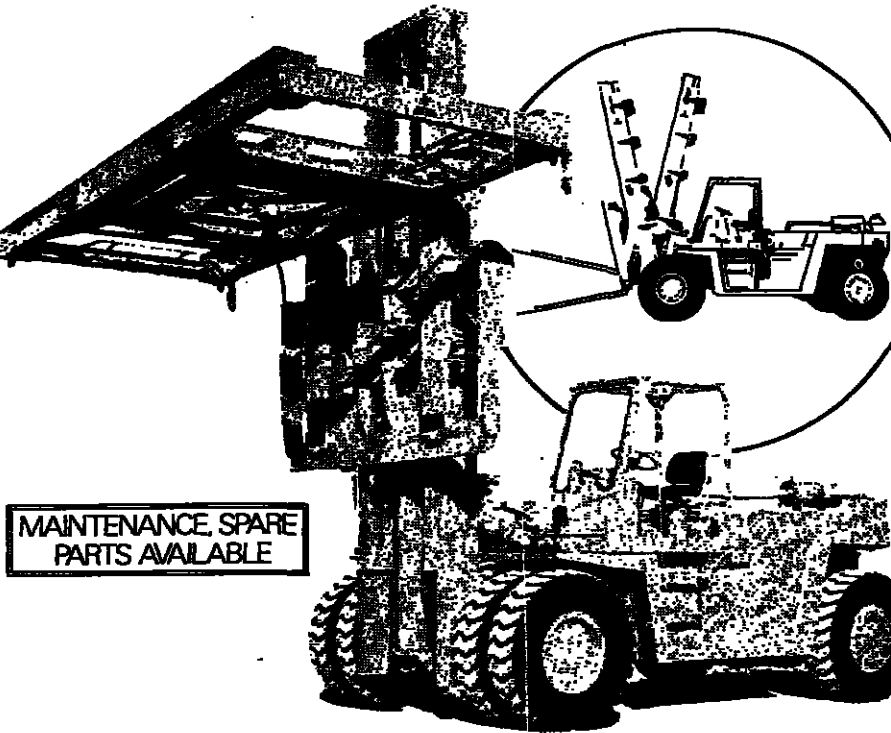
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Reagan plan faces test at PNC session

AMMAN, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Palestine National Council meeting in Algiers Feb. 14 will be an important test for U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan, and for PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's moderate policies.

The results of that test are likely to be indicated only indirectly in the public pronouncements of the 355-member PNC, the PLO's parliament-in-exile.

For weeks, PLO officials say, Arafat has been trying to send a message to Washington that he and most of the PLO are ready to talk about a negotiated settlement of the Palestinian problem.

"We announced that the Reagan plan had 'positive elements' — that was a message to Reagan that we are ready. Not on your basis, that's not enough. But we are ready," said one West Bank Palestinian leader who asked not to be named. "Arafat has been talking with King Hussein (of Jordan) about a joint committee (of Jordanians and Palestinians to negotiate the future of the Israeli-occupied territories). That was a message that we want to talk peace."

But so far Washington has not responded, at least not in a way clear enough for the PLO. The lack of response has heightened objections in the PLO and among independent Palestinians to Arafat's tactics. Hard-line PLO leaders, such as George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and many among Arafat's own dominant Fatah faction are afraid he will give away too much, too early, without getting anything from the United States in return.

"We are not talking about Israel now," the West Bank leader said. "We are talking about the United States. We need a clear statement of America's position. If the United States will say clearly that the West Bank and Gaza Strip are Palestinian territory, occupied territory, and must be returned, everything else can go ahead. Without that, we can do nothing."

Iran to try Tudeh chief for spying

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R) — High-ranking members of the pro-Soviet Communist Party in Iran have confessed to spying for Moscow during interrogations in an Islamic court, the Iranian News Agency said Friday.

Ima quoted revolutionary prosecutor Hojatolislam Mousavi Tabrizi as saying that the formal trial of the Tudeh party chief Nureddin Kianuri and members of his central committee, would start after preliminary questioning by the court.

Hojatolislam Tabrizi said the party would be allowed to carry on its political activities after new central committee members had been presented to the Interior Ministry.

He and other Palestinian leaders indicated that nearly every difference between the Reagan plan and the "Fez plan," adopted by the PLO and most Arab leaders last September, can be negotiated.

The Fez plan calls for an independent Palestinian state, with the PLO as sole representative. But it also calls for secure borders for all countries in the region.

Preparatory meeting begins

ALGIERS, Feb. 11 (R) — Leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization discussed until early Friday to prepare for a key meeting of the Palestinian "parliament-in-exile" due to open in Algiers Monday.

An official PLO spokesman said they were debating the main issue now dividing them, including what he described as Syrian and Libyan interference with Palestinian affairs.

The spokesman also specifically mentioned the rejection by some Palestinian leaders at a meeting in Tripoli last month of all current peace initiatives.

The preparatory meeting, which opened Thursday night, was attended by all main leaders of the PLO, including the hardliners like George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The Reagan plan rules out an independent state and refuses recognition to the PLO, but suggests "autonomy in association with Jordan" for the West Bank and Gaza.

"We have to have a Palestinian flag and passport," said Fahd Kawasme, the former mayor of Hebron, who was expelled by the

Israelis. Muhammad Milhem, former mayor of the West Bank city of Halhoul also expelled by the Israelis, agreed, but suggested even that was not a problem.

"We have to quench the Palestinians' thirst for an identity, a flag and a passport. But after that, confederation, federation, even unity (with Jordan) is no problem. The non-viability of the West Bank, the human relations and intermingling of the people of the two banks make unity a necessity."

Even recognition of Israel, demanded by the United States as the price for recognizing the PLO, is not a serious obstacle, Kawasme said. "When you agree to negotiate, recognition is there. But we must get something in return."

Arafat's main problem in the Feb. 14 PNC meeting will be to convince the members that the chance offered by the Reagan plan is worth pursuing, that rejection now by the council would be premature. His critics, however, will be pushing for a clear rejection, and limitations on his bargaining powers, along with a return to a harder, more militant line.

Two points of sensitivity will be: Arafat's talks with King Hussein on the possibility of setting up joint delegation of Jordanian and non-PLO Palestinians to negotiate with Israel and the United States, and trust in the United States to push Israel to a settlement.

The first is objectionable because to many Palestinians it infringes on the principle that the PLO is the sole representative of the Palestinian people. But even that can be overcome if Arafat is persuaded, and persuades the council, that America can be trusted.

The Reagan administration's inability to force Israel to stop building settlements in the West Bank, and even to gain a speedy withdrawal of the Israeli Army from Lebanon, has left it with little credibility in the eyes of the PLO.

Marines aiding Israel -- Tass

MOSCOW, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Soviet news agency Tass charged that U.S. troops have "firmly entrenched themselves" in Lebanon, turning their positions into the "Pentagon's strong points."

"Actually these are not disengagement troops, but the force which assists in furthering Israeli plans in that region," the agency said in a dispatch from Beirut Thursday.

Although President Ronald Reagan pledged to withdraw U.S. Marines assigned to the international disengagement force within 30 days, Tass said he has since decided to extend the deadline indefinitely and expand the size of the force.

"The strength of the American military contingent in Lebanon doubled in December last year," it said. "This is how the United States with the help of its and Israeli troops

conducts the occupation policy, the policy of intervention in Lebanon," the agency asserted.

In a separate report from the Lebanese capital, Tass repeated claims that Israel was beefing up forces in the Bekaa Valley adjacent to Syrian positions in readiness for a new attack.

"Local political circles do not conceal apprehensions that Israel is preparing to unleash an aggression against Syria, by striking at its units, which are in Lebanon in accordance with the decision of the Arab League and the Lebanese government," Tass said.

Western intelligence specialists previously said that the Soviet Union re-equipped Syrian forces to replace weapons lost in the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last summer.

Israel briefed Haig prior to invading Lebanon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Israel sent its army into Lebanon last June after informing the Reagan administration of its intentions and getting what it considered to be "a green light," says a prominent Israeli journalist.

While Alexander Haig, who was secretary of state, and other U.S. officials did not explicitly give their approval in advance, "Washington's vague murmurings and apparent indifference were interpreted by the Israeli government as a green light for operation Peace for Galilee," Zeev Schiff, the journalist, writes in *Foreign Policy* magazine.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, in a 12-hour meeting in May with Haig, "spoke plainly — an Israeli military move against the PLO in Lebanon was likely to start at any moment, perhaps even during their conversation," says Schiff, the defense and military editor of the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*.

Sharon did not give Haig details of his operational plans, but judging by the secretary of state's comments during the conversation "it was obvious that he envisioned a limited, lightning-strike operation," Schiff writes.

Sharon reported to Prime Minister Menachem Begin and other cabinet members that Haig understood Israel's action, Schiff says. According to the journalist, opposition to the military thrust into Lebanon yielded to the apparent "American tolerance."

Advised by his aides that the Israelis might draw "far-reaching conclusions from his comments," Haig sent Begin a letter May 28, nine days before the invasion was launched, to "put a damper on Sharon's enthusiasm about an American commitment in the event of war," Schiff says.

In part "an attempt at a cautious retreat" from the Haig-Sharon conversation, the letter suggested restraint but contained no direct warning, writes Schiff.

"Washington knew what was about to happen," the article says. "It possessed information in abundance about Israel's intentions and operational plans for Lebanon. Israel's incursion into Lebanon did not come as a surprise."

France, Iraq to discuss arms

PARIS, Feb. 11 (AP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson left Paris Friday for a five-day Middle East tour, including a visit to Iraq to discuss that country's ability to pay for French arms vital to its war effort against Iran.

France is committed to Iraq's survival, but French export credit guarantees to Iraq were suspended recently because of intensified fighting on the Iran-Iraq front and concerns in Paris about Baghdad's ability to pay off its debts to Paris and finance new arms purchases.

According to press reports, Cheysson is expected to try to arrange some kind of a deal to barter weapons for oil at cut-rate prices.

but officials in Paris describe the reports as "speculation."

The authoritative Paris newspaper *Le Monde* reported recently that Iraq had ordered an additional 29 French-made Mirage F1 fighters and was asking for five Super Etendard jets equipped with Exocet missiles. The latest order followed signed contracts for 60 Mirage F1s and deliveries of Exocet missiles for French-built helicopters.

Iraqi Vice Premier Tariq Aziz was able to arrange the rescheduling of some of Iraq's outstanding debt payments to France during his visit to Paris last month, and the French have indicated their intention to remain Baghdad's warmest European ally.

U.S. urged to pave way for pullout

BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (AP) — Osama El-Baz, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's top political adviser, said the United States would lose credibility if it fails to arrange an end to Israel's occupation of Lebanon before spring.

Speaking to a group of journalists at the Central News Agency offices in Beirut Thursday during a lightning visit to Lebanon with Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali, El-Baz said, "the time element is a negative factor in the (U.S.-sponsored) negotiations" between Israel and Lebanon.

He said, "each day that passes without a solution will bring more obstacles and the situation can get to a point where a settlement would be impossible."

El-Baz said that Egypt warned the United States that "if no solution to the Lebanese crisis was found before spring, the consequences will be most dangerous and will affect the entire Middle East."

"The Lebanese problem is the biggest test

for the credibility of America... It is the last test of America's credibility, particularly in the Middle East," El-Baz said. "We think that if the United States fully shouldered its responsibilities and created all the weight it carries, a solution can be reached in few weeks." El-Baz said according to the Central News Agency's report.

El-Baz called for an agreement with a detailed timetable that would ensure simultaneous withdrawal of all 60,000 Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

He warned that "several countries are now betting on the failure of the United States in bringing an end to the Lebanese crisis. If a solution was not found shortly those countries could move in freely and easily and jeopardize the entire region." He, however, did not name the countries he referring to.

BRIEFS

ABU DHABI (AP) — Lebanese Druze leader Walid Jumblatt was quoted Thursday as saying his forces would "fight to the finish" against Christian Phalangite forces in Lebanon.

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Twenty-one children injured in last summer's Israeli invasion will be flown to the United States this month for treatment under the auspices of an Arab-American group, a Beirut pediatrician said Friday.

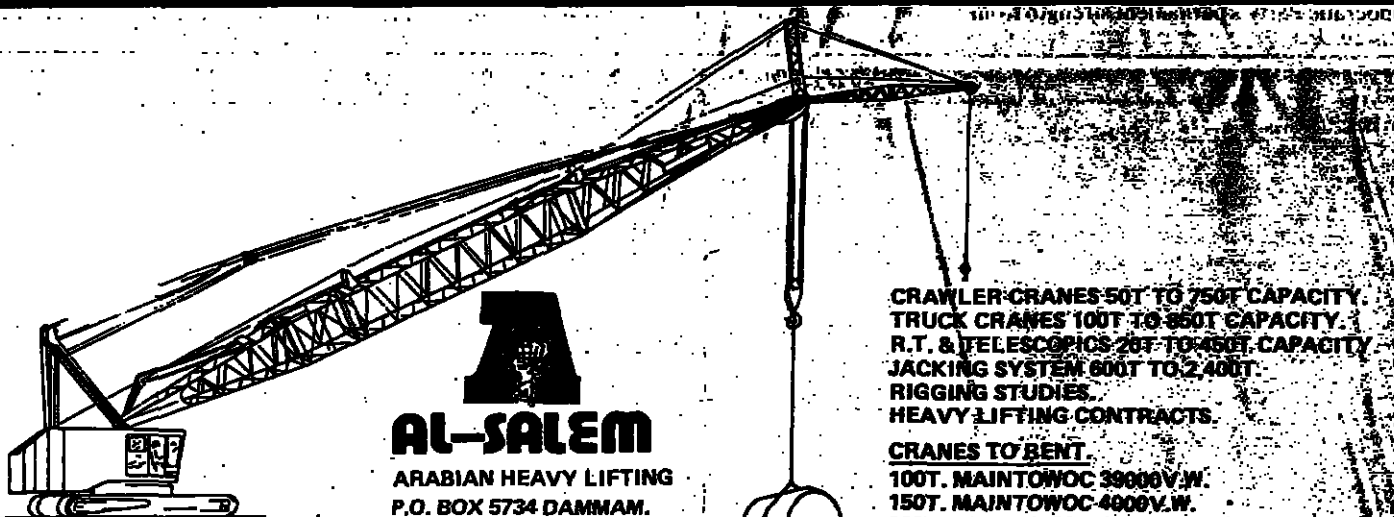
DUSSELDORF, West Germany, (AFP) — Said al-Jabbari, a former close aide to Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini said in an interview Thursday he considers himself a "political prisoner of West Germany," which has jailed him on charges of drug trafficking.

Six Italians die in Sinai accident

CAIRO, Feb. 11 (AP) — A car carrying Italian workers from their camp in the Sinai peninsula crashed into a military truck transferring gasoline, killing six and seriously wounding others, an Italian Embassy spokesman said.

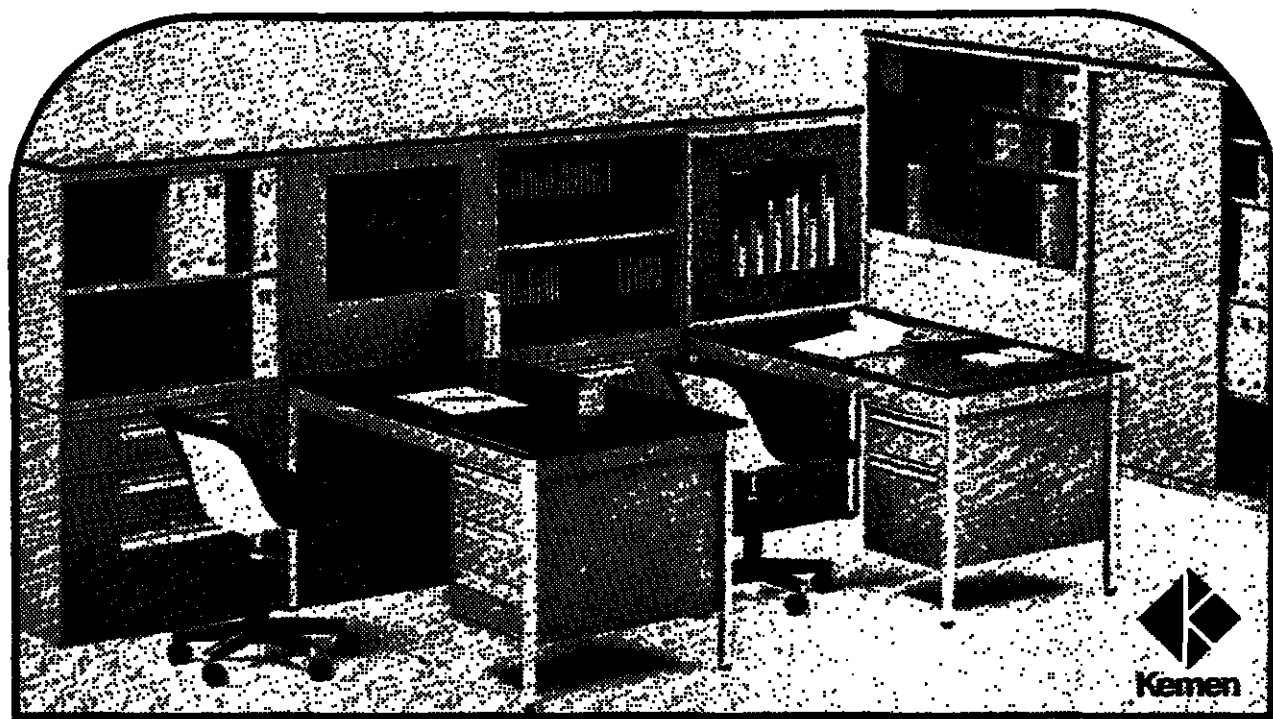
Antip Massimo Iannucci said six Italians working for the Petrochemical company died in the fire that resulted from the collision Wednesday afternoon. He said "two or three others (Italians) are very badly wounded, in critical condition."

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Morocco warned

Spain asserts claim over Ceuta, Melilla

MADRID, Feb. 11 (R) — Spain Thursday asserted its sovereignty over the North African enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla, and warned Morocco against pressing its claims to the territories.

Foreign Minister Fernando Moran issued the warning when he spoke to newsmen following an outcry in the Spanish press over a motion put to an Arab Parliamentary Union meeting in Rabat calling for an end to Spanish rule of the territories. Moran said the parliamentarians meeting in Rabat did not necessarily represent their governments and noted that Morocco had not formally called on Spain to cede the enclaves. "Spain has a solid legal position, a clear political will and is ready to cooperate with Morocco and will never allow this spirit of cooperation to be disrupted by actions which could have negative consequences for our relations," he said.

Government officials said later that Fisheries, Agriculture and Food Minister Carlos Romero and Transport and Communications Minister Enrique Baron had postponed a visit to Rabat next week. They had been scheduled to leave Madrid Saturday. No reasons were given for the postponement.

In Rabat, the resolution which refueled the debate over the enclaves was Thursday night due to be presented to a closing session of the Arab Parliamentary Union attended by 14 delegations. The draft calls on Spain to enter into "urgent negotiations with Morocco with a view to Morocco recovering its sovereignty over the towns of Ceuta and Melilla, the Jaffarine Islands and coastal islets."

In Hollywood style

L.A. stages mock earthquake

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 (AP) — Yellow-batted firemen and paramedics scrambled over debris, peered through thick smoke and dodged milling reporters to reach 125 moaning victims Thursday in a Hollywood-style drill that capped an international earthquake conference.

The demonstration in the Los Angeles Coliseum parking lot included 17 fire engines, at least two helicopters, assorted ambulances, 300 emergency personnel, two search dogs, nearly 100 reporters, photographers and television cameramen, Red Cross coffee-and-doughnut dispensers, three junked cars and the building's facade of a movie set.

About 400 conference participants from 28 countries overflowed portable bleachers and dozens of residents watched from across the street. Conference spokesman Walter Zéval said the exercise cost about \$25,000. "We're not really Hollywood producers, but we tried," assistant fire chief Frank Borden told the crowd. "We're going to try to build in

as much realism as possible...to show you how we'll react and, in addition, we hope to learn this."

Before the explosion that started the exercise, Inspector Ed Reed, fire department spokesman, pointed to the eight false fronts of buildings, with three rusty cars tossed about. "This is for show, there's no question about that," he conceded. "Since we can't actually shake the earth, we're doing this."

Amid a cluster of vans, trailers and forests of antennas a mobile command post for emergency officials from most city departments was being thrown varied and scattered problems throughout the afternoon. The disaster was a dramatic show. The city said the demonstration, called "Seismos 83," was meant "to depict one of many varied incidents occurring simultaneously throughout the city" after a large earthquake on the dangerous Newport-Inglewood fault.

The fault stretches along the Pacific coast from Los Angeles down past Long Beach. Such a quake could devastate large parts of the densely-populated region.

At the donated studio set, according to the scenario, a high-pressure gasoline line ruptures in the quake, causing an explosion and fire that injures about 125 persons. Two sharp explosions at an overturned car sent a fireball 20 meters into the air and dense black smoke poured over a scene of unneringly realistic devastation.

The "players," both victims and rescuers, took their roles seriously as batteries of cameras rolled and clicked, in contrast to the three-day, symposium that received only spott media attention.



CITY IN RUINS: A Salvadoran soldier looks at the ruins left after fighting in the city of Berlin. The city was reoccupied by the government without a fight after the rebels withdrew saying they have achieved their purpose in the three-day takeover.

Calling it too political

Soviets quit World Psychiatric Association

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Soviet psychiatrists, under fire from their colleagues for suppressing dissidence, said they withdrew from the World Psychiatric Association because it was too political, the American affiliate of the international body said Thursday.

Ellen Mercer, director of international affairs of the American Psychiatric Association, said the Soviet All Union Society of Psychiatrists and Neuropsychologists sent a five-page letter to the Vienna headquarters of the World Psychiatric Association announcing the resignation.

Mercer said she did not have the text of the resignation, but a WPA official told the American group in a telephone conversation that the Soviets accused the world body of being "too political" and that the letter was signed by all the directors of the Soviet society.

The American association issued a statement saying it would seem, however, that the Soviet move was "a political rather than a

scientific decision." "The Soviet psychiatric group had been strongly criticized in recent years for failure to respond to accusations of psychiatric abuse of political dissidents in the Soviet Union," the APA statement said.

Dr. Harold Visotsky, chairman of the APA

committee on international abuse of psychiatry and psychiatrists, said the resignation appeared to be "an admission of guilt." But, he added, "it does not mean that the suppression of political and religious dissent through the abusive use of psychiatric facilities and some psychiatrists will cease."

Britain's Royal College of Psychiatrists was planning to move for the expulsion of the Soviet psychiatrists at the meeting of the world group in Vienna next July. The American group passed a resolution last June calling for the suspension of the Soviets. "Many Soviet psychiatrists have voiced their own deep concern over the political abuse of their medical discipline," Visotsky said.

"Our purpose in calling for an investigation of abuse allegations has never been to humiliate Russian scientists, but to explore with them methods of abandoning the use of psychiatry for other than appropriate treatment and care of generally-accepted psychiatric disorders," Visotsky said.

He said about 600 persons, including units of the armed forces, were fighting the fire.

Huge forest fire rages in Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 11 (AP) — A huge forest fire with a perimeter of 300 kms is burning out of control in southeastern Australia, officials reported Friday.

Keith Johnson, deputy chief officer for the country fire authority, said the fire had burned out 120,000 hectares of unpopulated forest land in the past 11 days along the border between the states of Victoria and New South Wales.

He said about 600 persons, including units of the armed forces, were fighting the fire.

U.N. Indian Ocean panel beset with differences

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 11 (AFP) — The U.N. Ad-Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean concluded the first of its three 1983 sessions without recording any progress toward organizing an international conference in 1984 in Colombo (Sri Lanka), aiming at transforming the region into a zone of peace.

Despite the optimistic assertion by the committee chairman, Ignatius Fonseka (Sri Lanka) that "some momentum" had been gained during this ten-day session, observers were struck by the deep-rooted differences separating the 46 members of the committee in two blocks along East-West lines.

Reflecting this feeling, India's representative T.P. Sreenivasan, said that the general exchange of views between members had "turned out to be a sterile repetition of old positions." A majority in the committee stressed — with the support of the Soviet Union — the necessity to prepare without delay for the conference. But a minority led by United States pointed out that the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan had so altered the overall political and security climate of the region, that such a conference was bound to fail unless members managed first to harmonize their positions on substantive issues.

Australia announced that it would refuse to accept any date for a conference until there was substantial progress toward a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. This position, if maintained, would in effect block the Colombo meeting, since decisions in the ad hoc committee are taken by consensus.

The only tangible result of this session was to agree on an agenda for the session and the two following ones of 1983, which will take place from April 11 to April 22, and from July 11 to July 22. The agenda states that the committee will work on substantive and organizational issues related to the conference, including consideration of 1984 conference dates.

15 die as bus, truck collide near Athens

ATHENS, Feb. 11 (AP) — Fifteen persons were killed in a head-on collision early Friday between a truck and a bus on the Athens-Lamia highway, police reported.

They said the accident occurred when the bus, traveling south from Salonika with 40 passengers, hit the truck at a slight bend 107 kilometers north of Athens. Fourteen Greek passengers were killed and seven others were injured, two seriously. The truck driver, who was alone in the truck, was killed.

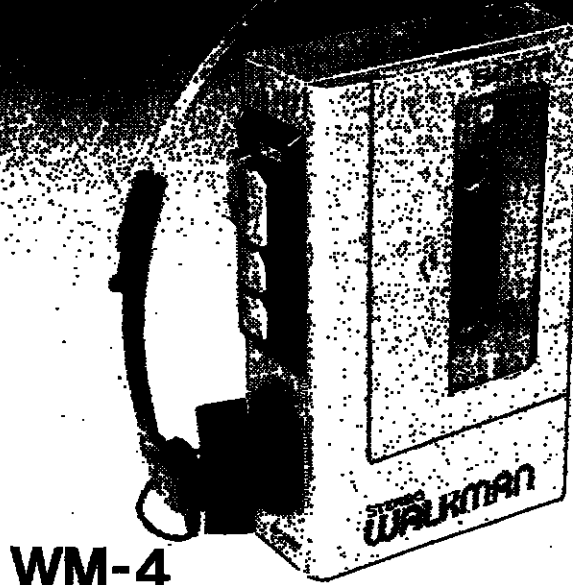
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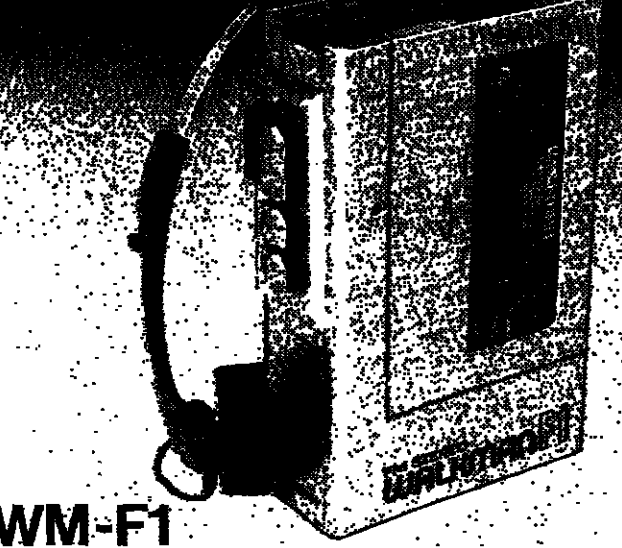


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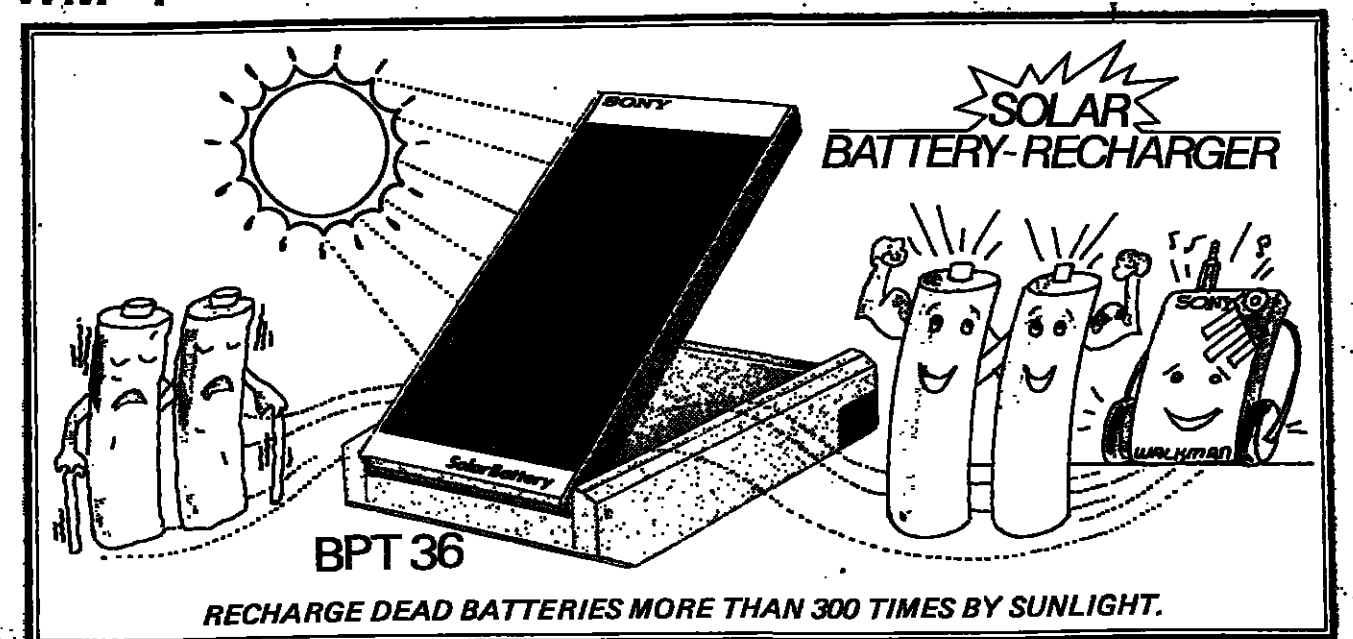


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On conflicts with Chile, Britain

Argentine junta takes 'important decisions'

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 11 (R) — Argentina's ruling military junta said Thursday night it had reached "important conclusions" over the country's planned return to democracy, its social and economic situation and territorial conflicts with Chile and Britain. It did not say what the conclusions were.

The commanders-in-chief of the army, navy and air force held an eight-hour meeting amid widespread speculation that they would sack President Reynaldo Bignone because of differences over a transition to democracy. A

Killer chemical found in Carolina sweetener packs

RALEIGH, North Carolina, Feb. 11 (AP) — Near-lethal doses of a chemical used in water treatment have been found in packages of an artificial sweetener bought from a Raleigh grocery store, police said Thursday.

Police and officials of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said one more box of sweetener contaminated with sodium fluoride was found on the shelves of the food store after tests determined that a box purchased last December had been tampered with. Dan Sitko, administrative investigator for the FDA, said the first package contained four grams of the chemical, and that five grams would be lethal.

Sitko said that a Raleigh man bought a box of equal sweetener last December, but did not use it until January.

communique issued at the end of the meeting made no mention of such a move but reiterated the junta's determination to move Argentina toward "solid and stable democracy." The junta has pledged to hand over power to a civilian government by March 1984 and President Bignone has promised to hold elections by Nov. 6.

The communique also condemned what it called "a campaign aimed at damaging the prestige of the armed forces," being waged by politicians and the Argentine press. This campaign was affecting the morale of junior officers and hindered Argentina's progress toward democracy, it added.

Political sources said this was a reference to unrest among junior officers in the army over accusations of massive corruption leveled recently against many of their seniors who held government posts following the 1976 coup which brought the armed forces to power. The junior officers were also unhappy about the military leadership's failure to settle the problem of several thousand people who disappeared during the armed forces' "dirty war" against leftist guerrillas in the late 1970s, the sources added.

Meanwhile, an army spokesman said in London Thursday four and a half million pieces of Argentine ammunition worth \$12.4 million have been recovered from the Falkland Islands for use by the British Army.

He said the army had poisoned a large number of black rats "as big as pussycats" that had escaped a beached Argentine supply ship and posed health problems for local farms.

By Belgian MP

Spain urged to extradite Degrelle

BRUSSELS, Feb. 11 (AP) — A member of the House of Representatives Wednesday submitted a bill asking for the extradition from Spain of Leon Degrelle, Belgium's top war criminal.

The Socialist representative, Willy Burgeon, referred to the expulsion of Klaus Barbie from Bolivia to France. He said Degrelle, "sentenced to death in Belgium, war criminal, traitor to our country, collaborator with Nazi forces, is still living freely in Spain." "The extradition and trial of such characters will inform youth about the horrors of Nazism and do justice to the thousands of victims," Burgeon said.

Degrelle led a Belgian SS unit on the eastern front and was sentenced to death for "contributing with the aid of the enemy to transforming legal institutions and organizations, plotting to foment a civil war, raising

private armed groups and leading armed gangs."

The Belgian government has several times asked the Franco regime for the extradition of Degrelle. In 1974, however, the government passed a decree banning Degrelle from Belgium on grounds that his return would create trouble. Degrelle himself has said he wants to return to Belgium and be tried by an ordinary court.

Under the statute of limitations, Degrelle could have gone free after 1974, but Belgium could still ratify the European convention removing statutory limitations on war crimes.

A justice ministry sources said Degrelle's extradition was unlikely since he had obtained Spanish nationality legally, unlike Barbie, who acquired his Bolivian nationality on a false identity.

Indian bandit 'queen' to surrender today

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11 (AP) — Bandit queen Phoolan Devi's surrender to police has been postponed 24 hours until Saturday, local officials said Friday.

The jeans and shirt-clad woman outlaw, perhaps India's most notorious and most wanted criminal, will now lay down her arms Saturday morning at Bindh, in Madhya Pradesh, a frontier town in the ravine and jungle country 300 kilometer southeast of here, officials said. No reason for the delay was given, but the official announcement noted that the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh state, Arjun Singh, would preside over the surrender ceremony on a specially-erected rostrum on the local college campus. Some members of her gang were expected to come in with her, and local police said they were negotiating with another outlaw leader, Ranshyam, to surrender as well.

Phoolan is wanted for about 70 murders, armed robberies, and kidnapping in the rugged borderland country between Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh states.

The 27-year-old desperado came out of the twisting, maze-like ravines that sheltered her for years and contacted police Thursday, offering to surrender if the terms were right, the United News of India reported. Five men of her gang accompanied her.

Wanted for 70 murders

One of her demands was to be taken to a nearby village and permitted to take part in a religious ceremony, and police agreed. She reportedly has been in police custody since then, awaiting final preparations for the formal surrender that would bestow glory on law enforcement and state officials.

Chief Minister Singh made history of sorts last July at Bindh when he accepted the formal surrender of another notorious bandit, Malkhan Singh (no relation) and 19 accomplices before an audience of thousands.

But Phoolan Devi has been rated the most notorious of the bandits infesting the ravines ever since she and her gang gunned down 20 men in a 1981 massacre at Belmai village across the border in Uttar Pradesh state. She had accused the village of harboring two landlords who reportedly trapped and molested her after killing her lover, Vikram Mallah, Aug. 13, 1980.

Thousands of lawmen joined the hunt for the jeans-and-shirt-clad outlaw. Press reports said she came to realize that her time was running out. With police of both states competing for the catch, Phoolan reportedly sent out feelers to Madhya Pradesh because of its reputation for easy surrender terms. In contrast, Uttar Pradesh police are known for a "Dead men tell no

tales" shoot-to-kill policy against bandits, actual and suspected.

Police of the two states clashed over the bandit queen earlier this week, with authorities of Uttar Pradesh arresting six police from Bindh and accusing them of kidnapping relatives of Phoolan Devi and her current lover, Man Singh. Apparently, the surrender terms included giving the relatives police protection in Madhya Pradesh.

Phoolan Devi, described as a tough, unglamorous illiterate woman with a pock-marked complexion, was born in a family of boatmen and reportedly married at the age of 10 or 12 to an older farmer who beat her. She returned to her parents and for years had to endure taunts and scorn, finally turning to crime with an arrest in 1979 on charges of receiving stolen goods.

She was released after 20 days and that was the last time she saw the inside of prison. Police records say she then hooked up with small groups of men bandits, frequently changing territory and companions, and usually taking charge of armed looting that often ended in shootings and killings.

At least twice since the Belmai massacre, police believed they had cornered Phoolan only to be outwitted by her skill at slipping away on foot and vanishing in the twisting ravines.

Bernonville's murderers still unknown

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 11 (AP) — Condemned to death in absentia by France "for crimes on behalf of the Nazis and treason," French collaborator Count Jacques Charles Marie Noel Duge de Bernonville finally met his end in a mysterious murder in his one-room apartment here in 1972.

Bernonville had served as commander of the French militia in Lyons at the same time Klaus Barbie headed the gestapo in the city. Following the war, Bernonville fled France for Canada and when discovered there, flew to Brazil in 1951. With the help of the Brazilian spy family, according to his long-time mistress Osvaldina Garcia de Oliveira, Bernonville obtained Brazilian citizenship which protected him against extradition to France.

He slipped into anonymity, eventually leaving a job with the semi-official Getulio Vargas Foundation, which conducts espionage activities. Osvaldina said Bernonville had been married to a French relative of the Brazilian spy family, which has been out of power here since 1964.

Following Bernonville's murder, police were so convinced that he had secretly been visiting Europe, including France, under assumed names that they kept the death sentence over his head.

Bernonville was also found to have visited a variety of South American countries, including Barbé's Bolivia, with surprising frequency considering his modest salary of about \$200 a month. On April 27, 1972, Osvaldina discovered Bernonville's bound and gagged body on the sofa of his apartment in a spedy Rio district frequented by women of easy virtue and small-time criminals.

On the wall above Bernonville's trussed corpse was a portrait of the man he claimed was his greatest hero, Vichy leader Marshall Petain. Police said Bernonville had been strangled with a necktie, and 48 hours later arrested Osvaldina's son Wilson, whom the French collaborator had raised.

At first, Wilson confessed to the crime. But Wilson's confession did not fit the facts of the murder, and he later recanted, saying police had tortured him into it. Eight months later, a detective and Rio's O Globo newspaper investigated Bernonville's death and came to a more dramatic conclusion: They contended that Bernonville had maintained "active contacts" with Nazis throughout the world, but that the network including Klaus Barbie — was discovered by an unidentified "vengeance squad."

This squad allegedly unmasked Barbie in Bolivia and murdered Bernonville, as well as kidnapping and killing other Nazi war criminals all over the world. However, O Globo and the detective, who gave the names of anonymous sources, could not reach final conclusions.

Bonn to observe 100th death anniversary of Wagner

FRANKFURT, Feb. 11 (AP) — West Germany is marking the 100th anniversary of Richard Wagner's death with concerts, symposiums and commentary about the man who was one of Adolf Hitler's favorite composers.

Wagner's operas will be performed in major cities across the country Sunday, 100 years after the composer and revolutionary died in his villa on Venice's Grand Canal. Although hailed here as a genius who changed the course of classical music, Wagner's anti-Semitism and exaggerated nationalism appear to cause some unease in modern West Germany.

Some commentators noted that Wagner's works were banned in Israel, and at least one writer examined the use made of the composer's anti-Semitism by Hitler and his Nazi Party. "It was a continuation of the phenomenon of Richard Wagner, whose genius served in part to darken German skies," wrote Wagner historian Erich Kuby in a 10-page article for the Die Zeit magazine.

Historians say that Wagner was one of Hitler's favorite composers and that the dictator ordered Wagner music used in Nazi propaganda films. Wagner wrote extensively on musical and social topics throughout his life.

Last month, West Germany marked the

Hitler's favorite composer

50th anniversary of Hitler's election as German chancellor with extensive reporting on the Nazi era by the country's national press. The highlight of Sunday's Wagner celebrations is slated for Bayreuth, where the composer founded Europe's oldest summer music festival and turned the theater into the center of the community's cultural life.

Bayreuth festival director Wolfgang Wagner, the composer's last surviving grandson, will lead the celebrations, and French composer Pierre Boulez will direct the Bayreuth orchestra with selections from Wagner's works. West German television scheduled a 1980 production of Wagner's "Goetterdaemmerung," one of the composer's most famed operas, and Wagner performances are slated for opera houses in every major West German city.

In recent weeks, dozens of lectures, films and symposiums across the country have centered on Wagner's work and legacy. Wagner, who ranks with Bach and Beethoven as one of the world's greatest composers, was born in Leipzig, in what is now East Germany, in 1813. He wrote his first complete opera, "The Fairies," in 1834.

Wagner later turned away from the smooth melodies and properly matched keys of earlier 19th century composers and began writing music that was increasingly stormy and romantic. Much of his work was based on medieval German myths and legends.

The composer joined in the unsuccessful German revolution of 1849 and was later forced to flee to Switzerland, where he began work on "The Ring of the Nibelung," his greatest work.

Nonaligned bureau to meet Tuesday

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 11 (AP) — The nonaligned Coordinating Bureau will meet here Tuesday or Wednesday to act on applications of Venezuela, Colombia, and Barbados for membership in the movement of nonaligned countries, Cuban Ambassador Raul Roa-Kouri said Thursday.

Roa-Kouri, chairman of the nonaligned group here, had just presided over a private meeting of the bureau. He said the bureau discussed plans for a senior officials' meeting in connection with the nonaligned summit conference to be held in New Delhi March 7-11.

The three countries are asking to attend the conference as full members of the movement.



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With Sobers' timely free throws

Bullets strike down Rockets

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Houston Rockets' road record of 2-22 is the worst in the National Basketball Association, and it's not going to get much better if they keep pulling stunts similar to their latest.

The hapless Rockets trailed Washington 101-100 with 21 seconds remaining and had to foul. And whom did they choose to foul? Ricky Sobers, who has made 27 of 29 free throws since joining Washington, was fouled away from the ball, with seven seconds left and made the foul shot.

Then, with four seconds left after Washington retained possession on the rare call, Walker again fouled Sobers. This time, he canned two more free throws, giving the Rockets a 104-100 victory Thursday night.

Elsewhere, the Philadelphia 76ers downed the Chicago Bulls 116-110, the Milwaukee Bucks trimmed the Portland Trail Blazers 102-92, the San Antonio Spurs trounced the Golden State Warriors 128-109, the San Diego Clippers edged the Phoenix Suns 101-100, the Seattle SuperSonics defeated the Utah Jazz 105-99 and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Indiana Pacers 99-95.

Don Collins scored 10 of his 17 points and Jeff Ruland nine of his 19 in the fourth quarter as the Rockets rallied to defeat the Rockets. Washington, which has won seven of its

last nine games, trailed most of the way before taking the lead for good on a five-point run for a 96-91 advantage.

"It was definitely a question of the bench," Shue said of the 48 points scored by reserves Charles Davis, Collins and Ruland. The Rockets had defeated the Bulls in Houston during a nine-game Washington losing streak. "That was before they made their key acquisition of Sobers," said Det Harris, Rockets' coach.

76ers 116, Bulls 110: Philadelphia's Julius Erving scored 34 points and Moses Malone added 26 in helping the 76ers boost their record to 43-7. Erving, held to 10 points for the first 2 1/2 periods, connected on two alley-oop baskets, a slam dunk and a drive through the lane in a three-minute span of the third quarter to give the 76ers a 79-67 lead.

Bucks 102, Trail Blazers 92: Sidney Moncrief scored 28 points and Marques Johnson added 20 for the Bucks. Junior Bridgeman added 13 points and Steve Mix, who scored 12, came off the bench and sank three shots in a row to help the Bucks to a 39-28 lead.

In addition, Harvey Catchings, one of the few players in the NBA with more rebounds than field goals in his career, led the Bucks with a season-high 15 rebounds. "We had a super effort from Harvey Catchings tonight,

and I was looking for it," said coach Don Nelson, whose Bucks were outbounded 52-33 in a 104-94 defeat at Cleveland one night earlier.

Spurs 128, Warriors 109: George Gervin scored 38 points, six during a pivotal 18-4 third-quarter run, to lead the Spurs over Golden State. Gervin, who sat out the fourth period, started the deluge with six straight points as the Spurs opened a 98-80 lead.

Clippers 101, Suns 100: Michael Brooks' free throw with 11 seconds left gave San Diego a dramatic come-from-behind victory. With the game tied at 100, the Clippers missed three shots before Brooks was fouled by Larry Nance. San Diego trailed 90-78 with 10:30 left before Brooks and a stifling defense shut down the Suns with only two field goals and 10 points the rest of the way.

SuperSonics 105, Jazz 99: Jack Sikma scored 31 points and pulled down 25 rebounds as Seattle snapped a three-game losing streak and handed Utah its ninth consecutive setback. Seattle, which trailed most of the game, first pulled ahead 86-85 with 9:40 to play on Mark Radford's jumper.

Cavaliers 99, Pacers 95: Phil Hubbard made four free throws in the final 22 seconds as Cleveland extended its longest winning streak of the season to three games. Hubbard gave the Cavaliers a 97-95 lead.

Salazar, de Castella set for clash over 5,000m

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Alberto Salazar and Robert de Castella, the world's two fastest marathoners, were supposed to come out fighting Thursday. Instead they came out showing the utmost respect for each other.

The two attended press conferences in New York and New Jersey as a prelude to their meeting over 5,000 meters Saturday night in the U.S. Olympic Invitational in the Meadowlands Arena at East Rutherford, New Jersey.

"Why don't you shake hands and come out fighting," intoned Stan Saplin, in introducing the long-distance runners to the media at the first gathering, in New York. They shook hands — and came out smiling.

Both expressed the desire to run against each other for the first time in a marathon — a race that has been proposed for this year, first a Brisbane, Australia, then at Auckland, New Zealand, but apparently has been kayoed from both sites by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the world governing body of track and field.

The IAAF has refused to sanction the race, because it was being organized by the Cleveland-based International Management Group, the agent for both runners. Despite the IAAF's refusal, promoters of the race in Brisbane have said they still hoped to have the race there, at Queensland's Gold Coast Resort Area April 17.

But Salazar, whose time of 2 hours, 8 minutes, 13 seconds in the 1981 New York City Marathon is the fastest in history, and de Castella, whose 2:08:18 in the 1981 Fukuoka (Japan) Marathon is No. 2 on the all-time list, did not express hope the long-awaited race would be held in Brisbane or Auckland.

Instead, they mentioned Rotterdam, the Netherlands and London as possible substitute sites. The London Marathon also is set for April 17, while the Rotterdam race is scheduled for the end of April, but Salazar said he thought it could be moved ahead about two weeks, to about the same date.

Meanwhile, one man who has no doubts about the outcome of Sunday's star-studded Tokyo Marathon is last year's winner Rodolfo Gomez. The Mexican, winner of the first Tokyo Marathon twelve months ago,

oozed confidence when he told newsmen: "I came here to win."

But Gomez will be up against some of the world's best long-distance runners who have arrived in Japan for the race from 11 countries. Juma Ikangaa of Tanzania, the runner-up in last year's Commonwealth Games Marathon in Brisbane, Waldemar Ciprinski, the Montreal and Moscow Olympic gold medalist, and Japan's Toshihiko Sekio, winner of the 1981 Boston Marathon will be among opponents in what promises to be a thrilling battle over the 42.195 kms course.

It is generally expected that the winner will clock a time of around two hours nine minutes. But some experts are predicting that the race will produce the fastest Marathon ever.

French yacht sends out SOS

SYDNEY, Feb. 11 (AFP) — The French navy has deployed a destroyer from Papeete in Tahiti to search for one of the entrants in the BOC challenge 'World Single-Handed Yacht race, *Skolern III* sailed by Frenchman Jacques de Roux.

The destroyer, Enseigne de Vaisseau Henry, is rushing southwards, in answer to an emergency call from the highly-experienced navigator Wednesday, and is expected to reach the place in about four days.

The call was issued via The Argos satellite transponder aboard the boat and relayed to the French naval base in Papeete. Concern is growing over the safety of the 44-year-old submarine commander from Cherbourg, who at the time of the second place in the third leg of the race from Sydney to Rio de Janeiro.

"Jacques is a highly experienced sailor and he wouldn't have pushed the emergency button unless it was an extreme situation," a race organizer in Sydney said.

The boat is approximately halfway between New Zealand and Cape Horn and is drifting around the 60 degree south parallel. The latest reports showed it was in one of the world's most remote stretches of water. Another entrant in the race *Persuance of Medine*, the 16-meter British Boat sailed by

Richard Broadhead, is also heading toward the *Skolern III* to help in the search.

Race leader Philippe Jeantot, also of France, had to be dissuaded by his radio contacts from turning round and returning 400 nautical miles to rescue his compatriot. Instead he tried to get in touch with Neville Gosson of Australia, whose yacht was only 150 miles from de Roux's crippled boat.

The rescue could be difficult since force 12 winds were whipping up the seas in the area, to the west of Cape Horn. De Roux's alarm all was from a homing-in signal and it was not known what has happened to him.

South Africa's Bertie Reed, second in the overall standings, had earlier slowed down presumably because of the bad weather. Gosson reported that his face had been scalded by hot water when his boat lurched. Japan's Yukoh Oada is likely to risk striking an iceberg unless he steers to the north, satellite surveillance showed.

Meanwhile the attempt by Frenchman Alain Colas to break the Transatlantic yachting record has suffered a further setback because of unsuitable weather.

Colas has been waiting in New York since the New Year ready to cast off in his four-masted yacht *La Vie Claire*.



Robert de Castella... raring to go



LOTUS' PRIDE: Italian driver Elio de Angelis pilots the new Team Lotus John Player special around the Circuit de Nevers Magny-Cours in France last weekend. The car designed by Lotus' former boss Colin Chapman is powered by Renault's V6 engine as Lotus joins the ranks of turbocharged cars in the Formula One.

As work on Spa circuit hits snags

Belgian Grand Prix may be canceled

BRUSSELS, Feb. 11 (AFP) — The Belgian Formula One Grand Prix may be canceled because improvement work has not yet begun on the SPA circuit where the race is due to be held on May 22.

If the race organizers decide the necessary alterations cannot now be carried out in time, the event may be switched to the Zolder track, where it has been held every year since 1975, or it may be abandoned altogether.

They will make a decision in the next few days. Cash shortage and bad weather are behind the delay in starting the work. The Dutch Grand Prix at Zandvoort is also in doubt because of financial problems. The world championship program would be reduced from 17 to 15 races if both the countries' races were scrapped, unless other countries offered to organize competitions to fill

the breach.

Audi's advantage

Meanwhile, the ambitious Audi World Championship Rallying team intend to wipe out the memory of their disastrous showing in last month's Monte Carlo Rally by sweeping to victory in the Swedish Rally starting here Friday.

At least two factors favor the technology-advanced Audi Quattros — the cold weather and the absence of most of their major competitors from the three-day Classic. The Audis are at their best in ice and snow but an unseasonal heat wave has blighted their performance in the Monte Carlo event for the second year running.

However, frosty weather is predicted here for the coming week and every single stage of the Swedish competition is expected to be

snowed up. Audi are living up a full strength team, including 1982 winner Stig Blomqvist of Sweden, world championship runner-up Michele Mouton of France, and Flying Finn Hannu Mikkola. Meanwhile, world champion Walter Rohrl of West Germany is giving the event a miss along with the Lancia team.

Audi's main opposition will be Opel, whose effort is spearheaded by Finland's Ari Vatanen, and Saab, led by Per Eklund. The Nissan, Datsun, and Renault, driven by Sweden's Soren Nilsson, is an outsider which could possibly upset Audi's plans.

The only concession to the warm conditions which have prevailed in Europe so far this winter is the cancellation of two stages normally staged along a frozen river bed. Nearly a half of the 150 entries are from outside Sweden.

Capital victory for Islanders

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — Mike Bossy scored three second-period goals to propel the New York Islanders to an 8-3 National Hockey League victory over the Washington Capitals Thursday night to take sole possession of second place in the Patrick Division.

Elsewhere in the NHL it was Boston 7, Pittsburgh 3; Philadelphia 5 St. Louis 2; Quebec 3, Calgary 3; Montreal 5, Winnipeg 3; Los Angeles 7, Buffalo 2; Minnesota 7, New York 5.

Barry Pederson scored two goals and assisted on another in the first period, and the Boston Bruins extended their winning streak to 16 games with a 7-3 verdict over slump-ridden Pittsburgh Penguins. The Penguins' slide continued to their 18th straight game.

Rookie Miroslav Dvorak scored his first goal to help the Philadelphia Flyers register a fluent 5-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues. The Flyers 9-1-2, scored four goals in the opening period with Ray Allison leading off the string at 00:21.

Kiwis suffer another setback

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 11 (AP) — New Zealand's star batsman Glenn Turner Friday joined his team's long injury list and was in doubt for the vital second World Series Cup final against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday.

Turner limped away from the MCG practice nets Friday morning after being hit on the right leg by a ball from Gary Troup. New Zealand's physiotherapist, Graham Allison, said Turner had burst a blood vessel in his calf muscle.

It is now doubtful that Turner will recover in time for Sunday's all-important match, but no decision will be made until Saturday. The Kiwis, one-down in the best of three series, were Friday still hopeful that star all-rounder Richard Hadlee would play.

Hadlee was ruled out of the first final in Sydney last Wednesday because of a damaged right hamstring. Hadlee did not train Friday with his teammates and underwent intensive treatment. New Zealand team manager Bob MacInnes said that Hadlee had until Saturday to prove his fitness.

New Zealand also has injury worries with opener John Wright and medium pacer Lance Cairns. Wright, who is suffering from a back injury and Cairns who, has a badly

strained big toe on his right foot, did not train Friday morning but watched the second round of the Victorian Open Golf Championship at Metropoint.

New Zealand captain Geoff Howarth said he expected both teams to be in a tight race. With all the injuries and uncertainties surrounding the Kiwis, it was not surprising to find out that medium pacer Richard Webb would be flown out from New Zealand Saturday morning.

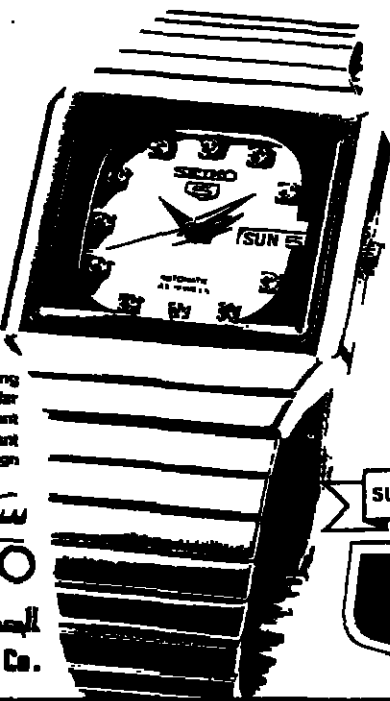
Webb was on standby for the past 60 hours as doubts on Hadlee's fitness grew. He was pulled out of the three-day Shell Trophy match in New Zealand Friday and told he would fly to Melbourne Saturday.

Rain interrupts play. Meanwhile, in Sydney, rain doomed the three-day clash between New South Wales and Sri Lanka to a draw. At stumps on the second day Friday, Sri Lanka were 170 for seven in reply to the NSW first innings score of 253-five declared.

"It's pretty difficult now to inject any hope of a result into the game with all the lost time," said NSW skipper Rick McCosker. The Sri Lanka's resumed this morning at 15 for two and lost Roy Dias with the score at 48 when he was caught by Greg Matthews.

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In Virginia Bank Classic

McEnroe, McNamee mesmerized

RICHMOND, Virginia, Feb. 11 (AP) — Unseeded Roscoe Tanner won the first four games of the third and deciding set en route to a 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 victory over an ailing John McEnroe Thursday night in the second round of the \$300,000 United Virginia Bank Tennis Classic.

Earlier Thursday, fourth-seeded Kevin Curren of South Africa defeated unseeded Moroccan-born Dominique Bedel of France 7-5, 7-5.

McEnroe, the No. 1 seed who has tendonitis in his left playing shoulder, lost serve in the first and third games of the third set. McEnroe suffered the shoulder injury Sunday in his victory over Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in Philadelphia.

Curren had a 5-2 lead in the first set but let the tempo of the match get away from him briefly. Bedel rallied to tie the first set at 5-5, but Curren held his serve and won the set by breaking Bedel's serve in the 12th game. In the second set, there were no service breaks until the final game, when Bedel was unable to win a point on his serve.

In another Thursday night match, second-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina breezed past Lloyd Bourne 6-3, 6-2, and unseeded Bill Scanlon ousted No. 7 seed Paul McNamee 6-2, 6-3. During the afternoon, Jef Borowiak defeated Eric Fromm 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 to advance into the quarterfinals to meet Curren. Fromm had upended fifth-seeded

Johan Kriek of South Africa on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Australian Peter McNamara, who has already clinched a berth in the semifinals, provided little opposition to Brian Gottfried, losing 6-2, 6-2 to the American in Group "B" preliminary action Thursday night at the \$250,000 Molson Challenge.

In Group "A" matches, Spaniard Jose Higueras made some spectacular passing shots to beat American Vitas Gerulaitis 6-3, 6-4 and advance to the semifinals. In another Group "A" match, Jimmy Connors, defeated met fellow-American Tim Mayotte, 6-0, 6-0. The top two players in each group advance to Saturday's semifinals.

Gottfried, who finished the round-robin portion of the eight-man tournament with a 1-2 record, has no chance of advancing to the final four with McNamara, but still was able to beat the world's 10th-ranked player for the first time in his career.

In Indianapolis, Britain's Anne Hobbs upset fifth-seeded Lucia Romanov of Romania 6-3, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals of the \$50,000 Ginny of Indianapolis Tournament Thursday night.

In other second-round matches, Christiane Jolissaint of Switzerland defeated Barbara Hallquist of the U.S. 7-5, 6-1; Katerina Lindqvist of Sweden downed Barbara Jordan of U.S. 4-6, 6-1, 6-0, and American Peanut Louie whipped Italy's Sabina Simmonds 6-1, 6-3. Virginia Slims is sponsoring the event for

up and coming players on the women's pro circuit.

Connors, Martina tops
Jimmy Connors and Martina Navratilova Thursday were named official world champions by the International Tennis Federation. The awards were made by panels of former players for "excellence in the game's most important tournaments."

Donald Budge, Fred Perry and Lew Hoad judged the men's rankings, while Margaret Dupont, Althea Gibson and Ann Jones judged the women. Connors, who won both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year, takes over from John McEnroe as world No. 1, while Navratilova, winner of the Wimbledon and French Open titles, succeeds Chris Evert Lloyd.

McEnroe and Connors will star in the total \$435,000 Cuore Tennis Cup of Milan, a leg of the 1983 Volvo Grand Prix competition, Mar. 21-27, organizers announced in Milan.

Other big guns in the provisional list of entries included Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, winner of last year's edition of the Cuore Cup, South-African born Johan Kriek and Australian Peter McNamara.

Sweden's Bjorn Borg, who had originally entered the Milan tournament scheduled at the Indoor Sports Palace, was dropped after the announcement that he plans to quit tennis. A total of 32 players will be competing in the Milan leg of the Grand Prix.

As Corinthians tally 10

Socrates boots in four

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Brazilian World Cup soccer captain Socrates scored four goals, including a hat-trick, as Corinthians blasted Tiradentes 10-1 in the Brazilian Soccer Championship Wednesday night.

The Sao Paulo state champions, strong contenders for the national championships, routed their opponents by unleashing an avalanche of goals. It was a disappointing day for the smaller clubs aspiring to qualify for the second round of the championships at the expense of some of the more famous names.

Champions Flamengo regained their pride, demolishing Moto Clube 5-1 in Sao Luis. In their first meeting at Rio's Maracana, Flamengo fans booted their team off the pitch after a 1-1 draw. Flamengo's rival Fulminense, who have had a lean time recently, rallied their game to beat Fortaleza 5-1.

Meanwhile, Derby and Leeds escaped with warnings when the Football Association took a soft line toward the recent riot at Derby's "Baseball Ground" Stadium. Announcing the so-called punishments resulting from last week's guilty verdicts, F.A. Chairman Bert Millichamp renewed his plea for government action on hooliganism.

Cyprus goes to the polls on Sunday to elect a new president but, for the moment at least, Saturday's European Soccer Championship clash with Italy is the island's No. 1 priority. With political campaigning banned for the 24-hour period up to the election, the arrival of the world champions has set the country buzzing.

The game provides a stark contrast in outlook. The Cypriots have no thoughts of victory but the presence of mighty Italy has brought noisy "cavalades of excited, flag-decked fans into the streets. The Italians, however, are worried. Normally, this Group Five qualifying tie would be little more than a carefree jaunt for them but things have gone drastically wrong for the heroes of Spain this winter. Home draws against Czechoslovakia and Romania, who lead the section with five points from three games, mean Italy must win to keep alive their hopes of reaching the finals

Soccer results

Moto Clube	1	Flamengo	5
Santos	3	Rio Negro	0
Grassio	1	Joiaville	1
América	3	Sergipe	1
Corinthians	10	Tiradentes	1
Fluminense	5	Fortaleza	1
Bahia	2	Mito	1
Colas	0	Comercial	1
Juvevats	3	Rio Branco	2
Brasilia	1	Internacional	2
Colorado	2	Petrovaria	0
Ferroviario	0	Caaciro	3
Nacional	4	Tyze	0

in France next year.

Although Cyprus have lost their two opening ties, Enzo Bearzot, the man who masterminded Italy's World Cup triumph, is refusing to take anything for granted. "We are not here on holiday," an unsmiling Bearzot told reporters at the team hotel this morning. "We will be working very hard to get what we want — a minimum three-goal victory. Nothing else will satisfy me."

Cyprus's last major victory was achieved 10 years ago when they beat Northern Ireland in a European Championship tie and they have already been beaten by Romania and Sweden. "Of course we are the underdogs," said Bulgarian manager Vassili Spasov. "But I really see no reason to adopt a defeatist attitude."

Barcelona at its best as big names rest

MADRID, Feb. 11 (R) — Spain's flashiest football club Barcelona had to wait until they lost both their star players to reach the top of the Spanish League.

Not only did they lose \$8.8 million Argentine superstar Diego Maradona with hepatitis eight weeks ago, but they also had West German international Bernd Schuster suspended last week for three matches after arguing with a referee. Yet last weekend, minus their costly imports, Barcelona took over at the top of the First Division, overhauling arch-rivals Real Madrid.

They won again two nights ago, beating Malaga 2-1 to keep the lead on goal average ahead of Real and Athletic Bilbao. All have 35 points and 10 games each left to play. Barcelona were stuck in third place for most of the season despite a spectacular 2-0 away win against Real Madrid in November. They have not won the Spanish League title since 1974, the season they bought magical Dutch



Socrates ... leads goal rush

player Johan Cruyff for a world record fee.

Real Madrid have picked up the league trophy five times since Barcelona's last triumph, while Real Sociedad slipped in to clinch the title for the second year in a row last season when Barcelona threw it away after it looked as good as won. But despite the dearth of trophies, the multi-millionaire Catalans have never been out of the limelight. Squabbles, rumors and big spending have kept public attention focused on a club accused of trying to buy their way to success.

In his five seasons as club president, Jose Luis Nunez has been through six managers in Barcelona's obsessive quest for success. The contract of West German incumbent Udo Lattek ends in June and club sources say there is very little chance it will be renewed.

Nunez's top priority is winning the league title and there seems to be no limit to the amount of money available to secure his

Stenmark glides to glory in World Cup Skiing

MARKSTEIN, Eastern France, Feb. 11 (AFP) — Sweden's lagemar Stenmark who was third, moved a step closer to his third consecutive World Cup triumph when he surged to the top of the overall points table after winning the Men's Alpine Skiing slalom here Friday.

In the first of the slaloms to be held here, Stenmark won with an aggregate time of one minute 44.54 seconds, beating Italian Paolo de Chiesa into second place by 0.50 seconds, with Phil Mahre third 0.69 seconds adrift of the ladder.

Mahre, who has already won the World Cup combined section, had further cause to

celebrate in winning yet another combined — which aligned Friday's race with the first of the two Kitzbühl downhill.

Stenmark's third success of the season was fashioned in impressive style, as he took the lead from the outset, with the fastest time over the first run he was able to ease up slightly on the second but was well within 0.03 seconds of the fastest time set by Mahre.

Mahre's third place put him at the head of the overall World Cup table with 186 points, ahead of Switzerland's Peter Lüscher, who Friday was unable to add a single point to his total of 160. Stenmark, meanwhile moves within 15 points clear of Steve Mahre in the



SOFT SIDE: Hard-hitting Briton Tony Sibson, who is scheduled to take on middleweight champion Marvin Hagler at the Centrum, Worcester Friday night, shows his softer side when he took time off from work outs to visit the Mass Medical Center in Worcester. He is seen cheering up an eight-year-old boy, Jason.

Of 'destroying' Sibson

Hagler oozes confidence

WORCESTER, Massachusetts, Feb. 11 (AP) — Marvelous Marvin Hagler, who won the undisputed middleweight championship in London, will try to keep Tony Sibson from taking to title back to England Friday night.

Hagler, of Brockton, Massachusetts, is a solid favorite to win the sixth defense of the 160-pound (73 kg) class title he gained by stopping Alan Minter. In fact, Hagler already is scheduled to defend the title against Frank "The Animal" Fletcher May 20 at Atlantic City, if he beats Sibson. An upset would make Sibson, 24, of Leicester, the fifth Englishman to hold the middleweight title.

"All they are doing is sending this kid to a moment of destruction," said Hagler, who has kept to himself most of the week. Some reporters interviewed him by telephone from

his training camp at Provincetown Monday, but a news conference scheduled for Thursday was canceled.

Hagler, who has a 55-2-2 record, with 46 knockouts, will get \$1.6 million for the scheduled 15-round bout at the sold out 13,577-seat centrum. "There is no other way in life for me to make this kind of money," said Sibson, the European middleweight champion whose purse will be \$567,000. His record is 47-3-1, with 27 knockouts.

The styles and punching power of the two men promise an action-packed fight. Hagler, who signs his autograph with his right hand, usually fights out of a left-handed stance, but will switch to the right at times during the fight. He likes to dictate the pace and is an excellent combination puncher.

But Sibson says: "No one has ever dictated to me." Sibson contends he doesn't have to force the action to be effective, that he can counter punch. And some people close to the challenger say Sibson really would like Hagler to come to him so he can counter with his hard left hook.

Sibson is left-handed, but fights out of a right-handed stance. There is a belief among some that Hagler is less effective if he can be made to go backwards. "I think that is a lot of nonsense," said Hagler. On Feb. 21, Sibson beat highly regarded Dwight Davidson in a 12-round decision at Birmingham, England. "He's very rugged," said Hagler.

Both men take a good punch. Hagler has never been off his feet. Sibson has been knocked down once, by Lotte Mwale on May 23, 1978. Sibson has won his last 14 fights, while Hagler is unbeaten in his last 30, and in his last bout knocked out Fulgencio Obelmejias in the fifth round on Oct. 31, 1982, at San Remo, Italy.

Meanwhile, former World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion Sean O'Grady of the U.S. stopped Jose Luis Gonzalez of Mexico at the end of the fifth round in their welterweight bout scheduled for 10 rounds at the Cal State Northridge Indoor Arena Thursday night.

O'Grady, who weighed 142 pounds (64 kgs), now has an 81-4 record with 71 knockouts. Gonzalez, who scaled 145 pounds (65.7 kgs), fell to 39-8 after being knocked out for the first time. O'Grady floored Gonzalez three times before the bout was stopped. Referee Jay Kim halted the fight after the fifth round because Gonzalez had several facial cuts. O'Grady will return to action on March 20 against John Verdorosa.

In a semi-main event, unbeaten heavyweight Monte Masters raised his record to 28-0 by knocking out Al Houlik at 2:38 of the third round.

Three share advantage in Hawaiian Golf

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Feb. 11 (AP) — Isao Aoki, seeking to become the first Japanese to win an American PGA tour event, birdied five holes in-a-row on the way top six-under-par 66 and a tie for the first round lead Thursday in the \$325,008 Hawaiian Open.

He shared the top spot with Vance Heafner and Dan Pohl, who spiced his round with a hole-in-one on the 17th. Defending champion Wayne Levi did not make a bogey and recorded a 67 for his first competitive round of the year. Also at that figure were Leonard Thompson, Pat Lindsey and local pro David Ishii. Of the leaders, all but Ishii and Thompson played in relatively calm conditions in the morning. Brisk trade winds kicked up in the afternoon and produced generally higher scoring.

Arnold Palmer disappointed his large gallery with a 77 over the 6,881-yard Wai'ale Country Club Course. Gil Morgan, winner of the first two events on the schedule this season, had a 73 and must improve Friday if he is to qualify for the final two rounds.

Gill stuns Watson to make last four

GLASGOW, Scotland, Feb. 11 (AFP) — Canadian Burnie Gill conjured up a miraculous escape trick to end John Watson's reign as Embassy World Indoor Bowls champion at Coatbridge, near here Thursday.

Gill, 28, triumphed 21-18 over the Scotsman after a thrilling three-hour quarterfinal and admitted afterward: "That's got to be the most important victory of my career." The young Canadian's win was all the more remarkable by the fact he had never played indoor bowls until this week.

Scotland were, earlier, guaranteed one semifinalist after Bob Sutherland registered a 21-11 victory over New Zealand's John Scott.

Dunes, PakInd W keep clean slate

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — Dunes and PakInd White, the two top teams of last season, continued to steam ahead unhindered after the fourth week of the Jeddah Bridge League last weekend.

At the outset of the week's play, four teams had gone in with unbeaten records. But only Dunes emerged with a clean slate, as PakInd Green and SSS suffered their first blot in four games.

PakInd Green were beaten 8-12 by Saudia Green, who are slowly on the upswing. While new team SSS proved no match for league leaders Dunes, succumbing 6-14 in a match with few big hand swings.

Dunes are now perched at the top with PakInd White following closely. The difference between the two arch rivals is just four Victory Points. PakInd White stayed on the heels of Dunes with a 12-8 verdict over mid-table Gray Mackenzie. PakInd White, however, were stretched before gaining the day.

In other matches, cellar team GP4 nearly registered their maiden success when they forged ahead by the halfway mark against KAJA. But they failed to preserve their advantage in the next session and lost out 9-11. Vikings managed to hold Saudia Blues to a rare score of a draw. The one time league winner, Saudia Blues, were in a disappointing form against the Vikings. While luckless Marbella encountered their fourth defeat in five games, when Oldies handed them a 19-1 drubbing.

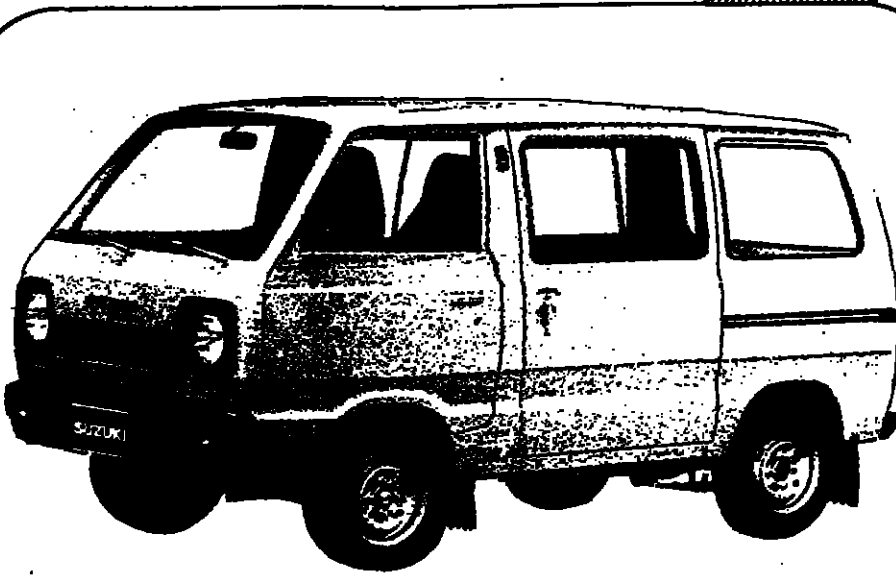
How they stand

	P	W	D	L	VPs	Pts
Dunes	4	4	—	—	65	8
PakInd W	4	4	—	—	61	8
PakInd G	4	3	—	1	50	6
Saudia G	5	3	—	2	54	6
SSS	4	2	1	1	45	5
Vikings	5	2	1	2	44	5
Oldies	5	2	—	3	54	4
Gray Mac	5	2	—	3	39	4
Saudia B	4	1	1	2	42	3
KAJA	5	1	1	3	34	3
Marbella	5	1	—	4	26	2
GP4	4	—	—	4	26	0



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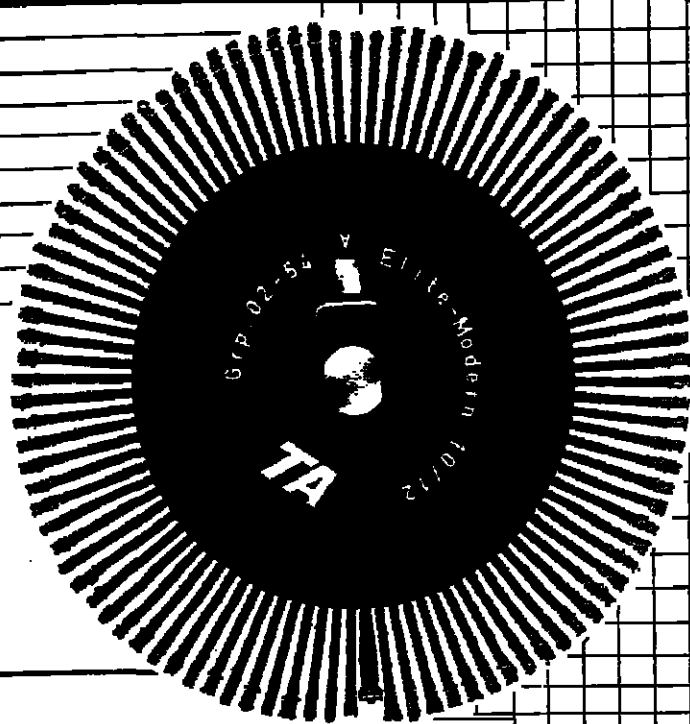
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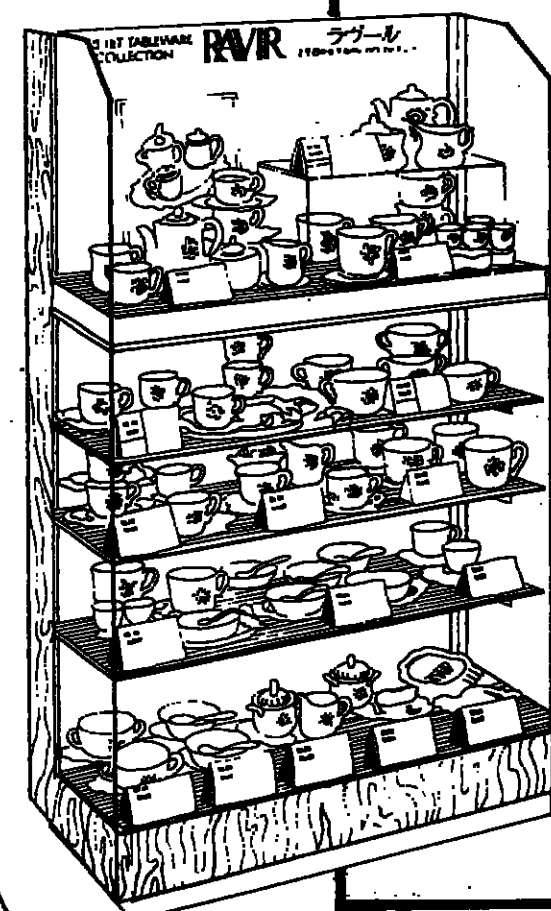
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EEC bows to U.K. over budget rebate

STRASBOURG, France, Feb. 11 (AP) — The European Parliament approved a supplementary budget rebate for Britain on Thursday after some British members threatened to pull out of the European Economic Community.

The additional 1983 budget of 1,092 million European Currency Units (ECU), passed by 783-36 vote. Of that sum, Britain will get 692 million ECU in regional aid and 400 million ECU in energy development funds. The parliament also approved a 210 million ECU rebate for West Germany. One ECU is worth just under \$1.

A previous attempt to pass a supplementary budget failed in December. "This is an important achievement because the rebates are not national funds, but in the form of EEC money for EEC programs," said German Social Democrat Rudi Arndt. He said community money should be used for community needs and not to satisfy national interests.

British Laborite Barbara Castle disagreed. "What matters is not a common policy, but what that policy is directed to," she said, adding Britain deserves the regional aid, but energy funds will not help the "dire state" of the British economy.

Another Labor member, Michael Welsh said in an earlier interview that Britain would stop its payments and activities with the EEC if a rebate was not approved. "What the hell

U.S. to get Japanese know-how

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R) — The United States and Japan have endorsed recommendations intended to improve U.S. access to the Japanese high technology market, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige has said.

He announced that President Ronald Reagan's cabinet had approved the recommendations as "U.S. Trade Representative Bill Brock was about to begin talks in Tokyo with Japanese officials on cars and other trade matters. The Japanese government approved the package Wednesday.

Baldrige called the recommendations significant, although they did not take the form of formal treaty. "Access to Japanese technology on a fair and competitive basis, as they have access to ours, will help U.S. industry improve productivity and balance the flow of technology between our countries," he said. One immediate outcome is that both countries will begin collecting information on the lucrative trade in semiconductors, a vital

else are we going to do," Welsh said, pointing out that Britain is the fourth poorest country in the community.

"Sixty-seven percent of the EEC budget goes to agricultural sectors and we have one of the smallest agricultural sectors in Europe. What we need is regional and social aid," he explained.

In speech to parliament Thursday, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl urged governments to overcome over-reliance on the community.

He said West Germany is "by far the largest net contributor to the EEC budget," but it is not in Europe's interest "for one country to be practically the only payer."

In other business, the parliament called on all member governments to examine "with great care" extradition requests from Turkey.

Since the military takeover in Turkey in September 1980, hundreds of such requests have been made for Turks living in Europe. The parliament, which has been highly critical of Turkish human rights policy, suggested that some of the extradition requests were for political reasons.

The parliament on Thursday also condemned the mass expulsion of immigrant workers from Nigeria, and it called on the EEC to intervene with Soviet authorities on behalf of dissidents Andrei Sakharov and Anatoli B. Shcharansky.

electronic component in computers.

Japan also agreed to devise a plan to import more U.S. high technology products, a step in line with others, announced last May, designed to open the Japanese market to more U.S. imports.

Leaders of the American semiconductor industry last week accused Japan of violating world trade rules by using government subsidies and research cartels to boost its exports of high technology.

The industry leaders also charged at a press conference in Washington that Japan had restricted access to its markets through protectionist policies that had squeezed profits for U.S. companies and compelled many to cut back on essential investment.

Semiconductors are the basic components in many high technology industries and are behind numerous technological innovations ranging from personal computers to advanced missiles.

Bahrain's refinery cuts oil output

BAHRAIN, Feb. 11 (R) — Bahrain's refinery, the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO), has cut its production to 90,000 barrels of oil a day because of the world oil glut, an official spokesman from the Industry Ministry said Thursday night.

He was quoted by the Gulf News Agency as saying the decision was taken in line with a resolution adopted by the country's policy-setting higher oil committee Wednesday. "The oil market is subject to a kind of undeclared pricing war during this period... where supply is more than demand. The Soviet Union has supplied crude oil at lower prices," the spokesman said.

Bahrain produces only about 42,000 barrels per day (bpd) of oil but its refinery used to process 250,000 bpd of crude pumped from nearby Saudi Arabia by an undersea pipeline.

Oil officials said earlier this week that BAPCO was processing only between 80,000 and 100,000 bpd because of maintenance work timed to coincide with the normal seasonal downturn in oil demand. The work would be finished by April.

Most of Bahrain's refined products were now being sold under fixed-price long-term contracts, they said, but when the refinery was operating at near full capacity about half its output was sold on the spot or non-contract market.

OECD inflation touches new low

PARIS, Feb. 11 (R) — Consumer prices in Western industrialized countries showed their smallest monthly rise for more than 17 years in December, increasing just 0.1 percent, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said.

OECD's monthly report on inflation in its 24-member states said average inflation in the year to December 1982 fell to 6.5 percent, the lowest year-on-year rate since March 1973. Lower interest rates and steady retail food and energy prices accounted for the drop, it said.

1982 inflation calculated as an average of monthly figures in the OECD area fell 2.5 points to eight percent, five points lower than its peak of almost 13 percent in 1980 following the major oil price rise the year before, the report said.

The deceleration of price increases was marked by a sharp fall in non-oil commodity prices. In relation to manufactured export prices they were at their lowest level since World War II, it said.

The world energy market remained weak and there was a steady fall in the growth of wages, OECD added.

Iceland remained at the top of the inflation league table with prices 60.3 percent higher in December than a year ago.

As savings amount to \$ 150,000 in '82

French dairy's switch to coal may set trend

PARIS, Feb. 11 (R) — A small dairy in eastern France saved itself more than a million francs (\$150,000) last year by using coal to run its powdered milk factory, and at the same time helped the nation's economy.

Like much of the rest of French industry, the St. Hubert Dairy in Magnieres used to run on oil. More importantly for the country, its switch to coal helps to cut French imports of oil products, which in the first nine months of last year cost 105 billion francs (\$15 billion) — more than the trade deficit for the whole of 1982.

Energy Minister Edmond Herve plans to make the state coal company, Charbonnages de France (CDF), a major force in the battle to cut the cost of energy imports and has announced a sharp increase in financial support for it this year.

CDF can meet only around 40 percent of France's coal needs but a new company, called CDF-Energie, will have the task of persuading French industry to switch to coal even if it has to be bought abroad.

The opportunities for savings are considerable. A report by the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) says very little coal is used by French industry at present.

The St. Hubert Dairy saved some 800,000 francs (\$116,000) in the first year

of using coal and the savings have since risen to around 1.3 million francs (\$190,000) a year.

"When we made our calculations we found the change to coal would be financially very attractive," said the manager, Jacques Bruart. "It cost us 400,000 francs (\$58,000) to switch to coal but even with an investment of 400,000 francs it was worthwhile."

The dairy recouped the cost of the investment in six months. Bruart said: "The inconvenience is that coal is dirty. But compared with the advantages the inconvenience is insignificant." To solve the problem, the factory bought an industrial vacuum cleaner to clean the boiler room and it has a truck to take the ash to a dump.

But Herve admits that persuading other firms to make the switch and install boilers which will burn coal is a major difficulty. Coal's image as the fuel of the past is part of the problem but financial considerations weigh more heavily when companies consider investing in new equipment.

Although coal is considerably cheaper, financial help from suppliers of other types of energy can swing the balance in their favor.

The French electricity company, EDF,

also state-owned, will provide subsidies of up to 95 percent of the cost of installing equipment if a firm chooses electricity, according to a CDF spokesman. The oil industry will pay up to 85 percent of the cost of putting in oil-fired boilers.

CDF subsidies on an investment in coal-burning equipment are lower — up to 60 percent. Industry sources suggest this is because coal already has a price advantage.

Even with the subsidies, company accountants are reluctant to approve investment in coal boilers because it takes longer for the savings to cover the outlay than with oil or gas installations.

How long this takes varies from around a year to five years or more. The IEA said in a report: "An investment decision on a boiler, which will have a life of 40 years, is frequently based on a payback period of two years. This may make business sense but it does seem shortsighted from an energy policy point of view."

By 1990, French coal mines will be supplying 50 percent of the country's needs, instead of 40 percent now. But output will remain low by international standards. In 1981, CDF produced some 20 million tons of coal — less than one percent of world production.

Bonn's economic outlook bright

FRANKFURT, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — The outlook for the West German economy is improving, the central Bundesbank has said in its latest monthly report published Friday.

Demand for consumer and capital goods will pick up. Thanks to a low level of price inflation, running at 3.9 percent on an annual basis in January, and thanks to lower interest rates, hopes that the economy will pick up have been confirmed, the bank said.

There has also been an increase in growth by some important sectors of the economy, particularly the building industry. The bank said that since December the building industry had made large orders for equipment. This sector was improving because of cheaper credit and because the government had taken measures to boost the industry.

Improved trading conditions had been noted in many other sectors and overall orders were 11.5 percent up in the last quarter of last year compared with the same period of 1981. Household consumption is also rising and the public have reduced their spending abroad.

Prices should continue to be stable, helped by the strength of the mark against the dollar, cheaper energy and cheaper imports.

The bank said that developments in the oil market indicated that the cost of energy imports would continue to fall. This would result in lower production costs and a real increase in consumers' buying power.

Interest rates, which have been falling in West Germany since the autumn of 1981,

should play an important role in helping the upturn, although they will not continue to fall so fast as before.

The Bundesbank said gross national product fell a real 0.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 1982, after a 1.5 percent decline in the third quarter.

The figures, adjusted for both calendar and seasonal influences, represent the seventh consecutive quarterly decline, but contrast with a trend toward higher demand which appeared toward the end of the year, it said.

Domestic orders for capital goods, seasonally adjusted and excluding cars and trucks, rose 16.5 percent in the final two months of the year, compared with the previous two month period, it added.

Vehicle industry firms, especially truck producers, also benefited from a rise in orders toward the end of 1982, the Bundesbank said.

"There is reason to believe that corporate readiness to invest has increased independent of the investment tax credit," it said. It added that although further investment will depend on a recovery in profitability, cost pressures have been reduced.

Fourth quarter personal income from wages and salaries was largely unchanged after taxes compared with a year earlier, but income from pensions and unemployment benefits rose 4.5 percent.

The Bundesbank also reported a slight decline in the savings level of individuals.

McCloskey to speak on Arab-U.S. ties

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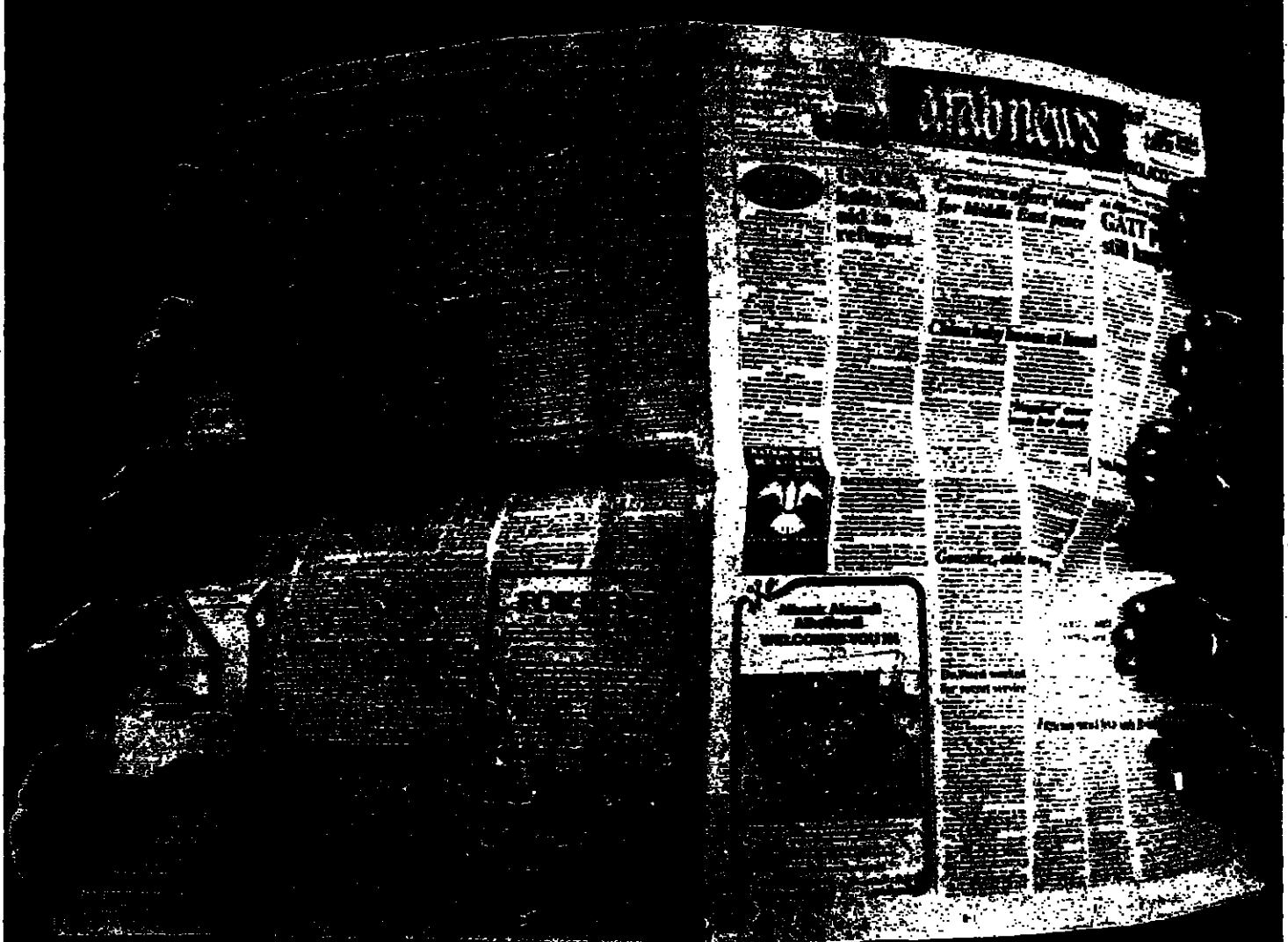
HOUSTON, Feb. 11 — The sixteenth annual meeting of the U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, to be held Feb. 25 in New York, will feature keynote speaker Paul N. McCloskey Jr., former U.S. representative of California. McCloskey will speak on future Arab-American relations.

The annual meetings provide chamber members the opportunity to review and evaluate the group's activities in the previous year, as well as to share their ideas on how to improve the chamber's capacity in its commitment to promote Arab-American trade and understanding.

This objective has become more difficult over the past year, due to mounting tensions after the tragic events in Beirut last summer, the continuing occupation of Lebanon by Israel and the stalled peace process. Despite these tensions, throughout 1982 the U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce continued its efforts to forge stronger ties of economic cooperation between the Arab world and the United States.

During the upcoming annual meeting, chamber members will review the past year's series of special events and activities promoting strengthened trade and understanding, and design programs for the year to come to further its commitment toward Middle East peace through improved relations and understanding.

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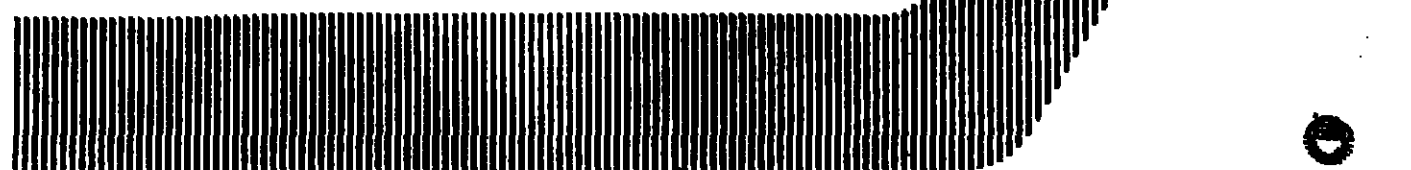
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All right, Begin has asked Ariel Sharon to resign in deference to the recommendations of the commission of inquiry into the mass murder of Palestinian civilians by the Phalangists in Beirut last year.

Sharon, who led the invasion force and carried out the instructions of his boss Begin carefully and accurately, will be offered another cabinet post without portfolio and continue to offer his wide and grisly military knowledge to his successor, the present Israeli ambassador in Washington.

Begin remains the prime minister of Israel, dubbed as the most democratic state in the Middle East. So shouldn't he have resigned in accordance with the democratic principle of collective responsibility? Shouldn't there have been a public trial of the men who were instrumental in the massacres at Sabra and Shatila camps?

It is a pittance to pay for the deaths of hundreds and perhaps thousands of innocent and defenseless civilians, women and children in the camps surrounded by invading Israeli soldiers who had known what would happen and supervised the happenings.

But the Israelis are not stupid. They depend heavily on their psychologists to guide their foreign policies. They wanted a way out of the disrepute that the massacres had brought them even in friendly societies like the United States. So they created this row over who is to blame for the outrage and found that Sharon's resignation from the defense post and transfer to another post within the same cabinet might do the trick and divert attention away from the physical liquidation of the population of the camps.

In many ways they have succeeded in this new propaganda ploy. The Western press has been marveling at the glories of Israeli democracy and comparing it with the incompetence and inefficiency of the Lebanese government inquiry into the massacres.

But what is the Lebanese government at present? It is powerless to act against the Phalangists who committed the crime. And who are the Phalangists today? They are supported, armed and upheld by the Israeli government and the occupying forces and unless the Israeli forces withdraw from the country together with other alien troops, the Lebanese government will not be able to carry out a proper inquiry and bring the perpetrators to book.

Sharon's transfer from one post to another or even Begin's resignation are not going to make the crime any less gruesome because the guilt is shared by all those in and outside Israel who supported Begin either by voting for him or by financing his depredations in the Middle East.

Saudi Arabian press review

Iran was criticized by Saudi Arabian newspapers Friday for not heeding to the appeal of Arab and Muslim countries to end its fratricidal war with Iraq. They also pleaded for increasing Arab support to Baghdad.

Al-Riyadh called on all Arabs to abide by the Fez summit resolutions on providing support to Iraq in repulsing the Iranian "aggression."

Dealing with the Arab split over supporting Iraq, the paper wondered whether there is any difference between Israel's occupation of part of Lebanon, Syria or Jordan and Iran's occupation of Iraqi territory.

Al-Jazira wondered about the fate of Khomeini who it said had been absent from the Iranian scene for months. It noted that as far as Iran was concerned the justifications for war no longer

existed after Iraq decided to pull out all its forces from Iranian territory occupied at the outbreak of fighting and expressed readiness to negotiate a settlement with Iran on the border dispute.

Okaz said checking the Khomeini expansionist trend had now become a pressing Arab and Islamic responsibility as a threat to Iraq was one directed at all Arab countries and accordingly they should strongly confront it.

"A United Arab stand in support of fraternal Iraq will check any danger and foil repeated attempts to export Iranian problems to the Arab nation," it added.

Al-Madina praised Iraq's role and the resistance its army put out against Iranian onslaughts. The passing of each day establishes that expansionist designs against Iraq are difficult to be achieved.



The unexposed Watergate behind Jewish bonds in U.S.

By Grace Halsell
Exclusive to Arab News

Q: Who gave the Zionist organizations tax exemption?

Berger: They have had tax exemption for as long as I can remember. Before World War I, there was a major overseas philanthropic group called the American Joint Distribution Committee, which was mostly supported and managed by anti-Zionists, or as they called themselves, non-Zionists. In those years, the Zionist movement was in rather bad shape — there were not many Jews going to Palestine. In the early 1930s the United Jewish Appeal was formed, and it was a combination of the Joint Distribution Committee and a number of Palestinian funds including the Jewish National Fund and the Palestine Foundation Fund which was the major fund for building institutions in Palestine.

All of these funds were regarded as purely charitable, and had tax exemption. After the Hitler period, when Americans were feeling pity for destitute Jews, the Zionists became much more aggressive — and so the United Jewish appeal had tax exemption that far back. After the state was established, the Jewish Agency became a part of the government. Now you have tax-exempt American dollars supposedly for philanthropy going into the Israeli treasury and used at the disposal of a foreign government. I don't believe that this is consistent with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) laws.

The IRS has ruled that U.S. organizations, even though charitable, are not tax-exempt if they receive funds and merely send them to a foreign corporation (or organization). It has further ruled that a foreign corporation cannot have tax exemption for donors to it even though a U.S. corporation does the fund raising. In both cases the U.S. corporation is merely a conduit for foreign fund raising.

American law, in IRS Code Section 501 (c) 3, clearly states that any organization, a "substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda," must be denied tax exemption.

Although the United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal are incorporated in the United States, they do not retain control of the funds, and therefore they are not tax-exempt under section 170 (ML, 6).

Q: How many Zionist organizations would you say are tax-exempt?

Berger: 40 to 50. All the Zionist organizations are listed in the American Jewish yearbook that you find in almost every library. Almost every one of the Zionist organizations listed must be enjoying tax exemption. Hadassah, the Women's Zionist group, the United Palestine Appeal, the Jewish National Fund, the United Jewish Appeal, several Zionist labor organizations — all are supposedly voluntary American organizations engaged in educational work and so therefore contributions to them are considered tax-exempt. A few might use donations for charitable work in the United States, but most of them are tied up with Israel and would not be autonomous American organizations.

Q: In a book titled *Jews and Money*, the author Gerald Kretzschmar says American Jews excel in fund raising "and most of the money they raise goes to Israel."

Berger: There's no doubt about that.

Q: The International Monetary Fund reports Jewish organizations raise about \$1 billion a year for Israel. This reportedly comes from Zionists all over the world.

Berger: Most of the money comes from the United States. The South African Jews used to make rather substantial contributions; I'm not sure they do anymore. Neither the British nor French Jews have the same techniques as their American counterparts. Altogether the \$1 billion flowing into

EDITOR'S NOTE: In this exclusive interview, Rabbi Elmer Berger, the leading Jewish anti-Zionist spokesman in the United States, gives a background to the tax-exempt status of Zionist organizations serving as conduits for an estimated \$1 billion that flows annually from private Jewish citizens into Israel. Dr. Berger has been working for more than a decade to get this status — which he sees as part of the "special relationship" the United States maintains with its client state — revoked. It is impossible, Dr. Berger holds, to profess dedication to Judaism's universal moralities and at the same time support or remain silent about the state of Israel's Zionist aggressions. He has stated the United States' partisan support of Israel's aggressive policies "is detrimental to both peace and American interests." In 1969, Dr. Berger organized American Jewish Alternatives to Zionism, an organization that rejects Israel's claim that "the Jewish people" everywhere has a national-rights-and-obligations relationship to the Zionist state.

Dr. Berger, who has traveled extensively in the Arab countries, is the author of *The Jewish Dilemma, A Partisan History of Judaism, Judaism or Jewish Nationalism, Who Knows Better Must Say So, Letters and Non-Letters* co-author of *A Just Peace in the Middle East: How can it be Achieved, Memoirs of an Anti-Zionist Jew* and scores of articles in popular magazines and specialized journals.

Dr. Berger's main office is in New York City. The following interview took place during a visit by the anti-Zionist spokesman to Washington D.C.

Israel from so-called charitable organizations is a possible figure, and 70 to 80 percent of that would come from the United States. All of these contributions are fully tax-deductible and hence are tax expenditures in the U.S. context.

Q: What did the hearings in 1963, chaired by Senator Fulbright, reveal about tax-exempt Zionist organizations?

Berger: The hearings revealed that United Jewish Appeal "charitable" dollars were being "conducted" to Israeli government agencies for political purposes, including propaganda and public relations in the United States.

Q: So what was the result of those findings?

Berger: The Zionist organizations reshuffled — to maintain tax exemption. Although the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency reshuffled their organizations and technically separated the operations to maintain U.S. tax exemption, they have, in fact, continued in a partnership. American fund-raisers are permitted to advise the Jewish Appeal in Israel on budget and priorities, but the JA in Israel will not permit the American contributors any control over how the money is spent. It is over there that the Zionists determine how they will spend the money. In 1970 Chairman Louis H. Pincus of the Zionist Executive declared that American Jewish groups still "just collected the money and sent it to the Jewish Appeal (in Israel) to spend."

Q: In 1972, an attorney, Abdeen Jabara, and other Americans, including two Protestant ministers, a Jewish professor and a Washington State legislator, filed a suit in Federal District Court asking the IRS to end the tax-exempt status of the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal. What happened to that case?

Berger: It was a good case, and there have been others. Before the case put forth by Jabara, a group of Americans had filed another case in Austin, Texas, to question the right of Zionist organizations to send money to Israel — and in both instances, the cases were thrown out of court, and there was no publicity.

I was involved in the Austin case. I went down to offer testimony. There was a hearing before a circuit court judge. The case was then sent to the Supreme Court. There was a kind of technical pre-hearing arrangement, in which one judge of the court can pass judgment as to whether the case is to be heard by the whole court or whether it does not have any standing, and the case was thrown out on the ground that it was a political issue, and the court will not hear political questions. I do not know whether it is possible to challenge the judgment of a Supreme Court justice that this was a political issue and the court was not competent to consider it. What the court was saying was that they would not make judgments on a foreign policy question, that this is the business of the executive branch of the government. To my mind, the fact that a Supreme Court justice said that money raised by the United

Jewish Appeal was a political issue — this in itself ought to have been a sufficient ground for denying tax exemption. You can't give money to the Republic party or the Democratic party or the Communist party or whatever it might be — and claim tax deduction.

The statement of the justice — and his reason for throwing out the case — seemed to me to be an indictment of the tax-exempt status of the United Jewish Appeal. What do you do next? In both cases against tax-exempt Zionist conducts, the so-called legal technicalities that caused the cases to be dropped have nothing to do with the merits of the case. The aspect of the tax-exempt organizations ought to be publicized more than it is. *The Zionists are using American money to build the illegal settlements in the West Bank. But then Carter knew about it. And Reagan knows about it, or at least the people around him know. Begin would be a fool not to do what he is doing. He is a fanatical Zionist, and with Washington, whatever he wants, he gets — so why shouldn't he take all that he can take. The way he leads Washington around, he must laugh every night when he goes to bed.*

Q: Your idea is that the American president does not need to be led around by Begin and other Zionists? That he could — at will — revoke the tax-exempt status of the Zionist organizations?

Berger: In 1956, after the Israeli-British-French invasion of Egypt, the British and French pulled out and the Israelis stayed on the canal for quite awhile, and President Eisenhower told them to get out. And he got them out by threatening to take away the tax exemption enjoyed by Zionist organizations. As I understand, this exemption is a privilege, not a right. I do not think Eisenhower could have made that threat without realizing that the money was improperly used. His advisers must have told him, "Look, you have grounds to do this if you want to do it."

Q: The Zionists not only are permitted special tax-exempt conduits for sending money to Israel, they also sell Israeli bonds. Can you explain how the Israeli bonds are sold in this country?

Berger: There's an organization at 215 Park Avenue in New York called the Development Corporation for Israel and they sell the bonds on more or less a commercial basis. But no businessman or broker would say it's a conventional bond sale. The Israeli bonds are hawked in synagogues and the Zionists hold bond rallies and dinners to sell the bonds. Often American Jews will buy these bonds and turn them in as payments on their pledges to the United Jewish Appeal. I hear a lot of objections to the way Zionists apply pressure to sell these bonds. For instance, a Zionist may have a big account in a small bank. And he will go to the banker and say, "I'm going to take my account out if you don't buy \$10,000 worth of Israeli bonds." And a lot of bankers will buy the bonds to keep such accounts. It's rough, tough way of selling the bonds.

Q: What do the Israeli bonds sell for?

Berger: I think the minimum is a \$50 bond, and they go on up.

Q: Suppose a Mr. Cohen buys an Israeli bond. He buys it at current value —

Berger: Yes. But if he turns the Israeli bond over to pay a pledge he has made to the United Jewish Appeal, the UJA takes the bond at its face value. Suppose he bought the bond for \$60 on the open market. He might get \$100 worth of tax credit by giving it to the United Jewish Appeal. He deducts that from his income tax, so you see there's a break there.

Q: Are the Israeli bonds listed on any of the stock exchanges?

Berger: No. The Zionist does not go to an average brokerage house and buy them. They are issued as I mentioned, by this Development Corporation of Israel in New York. It was started during the Ben-Gurion regime. *The Zionist prime minister is always like a bond salesman and also the Israeli Ambassador to the United States. For instance, at a pro-Israeli rally last November in Los Angeles, Begin was supposed to sell the Israeli Ambassador bonds. He was supposed to raise some \$20 million from the sale of Israeli bonds.*

Q: Let's take the case of an average wealthy American Jewish merchant. His accountant tells him his income tax is going to be, let's say, \$5 million. Rather than give this to the U.S. treasury, he calls the Development Corporation of Israel and buys 5 million dollars worth of Israeli bonds. Then —

Berger: Even if he gives these bonds to the United Jewish Appeal, he would get a tax deduction for the face value of the bonds.

Q: Businessmen always know what their tax estimate will be. So Zionists, they make a choice of giving the money to Uncle Sam or sending it to Israel.

Berger: That's right.

Q: I understand savings banks and credit unions are permitted under U.S. laws to invest up to 5 percent of their assets in Israeli bonds?

Berger: I did not know there was a limit on it. It is my impression that this is a matter for the individual banker to determine. As I mentioned, I have heard that smaller banks buy these bonds under duress.

Q: I wonder if these savings banks and credit unions invest some of their assets in foreign countries — other than Israel?

Berger: Probably not. That's part of the "special relationship" the United States has with Israel.

Q: An entire book could be written on Special Funds for Israel?

Berger: Yes, it's all been kept highly secret. *One day it will blow wide open, and it will be seen as a far greater cover-up than the Watergate scandal. The average American cannot imagine the scope of the U.S. tax dollars that flow to Israel.*

Today is Saturday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 1983. There are 322 days left in the year.
Highlights in history on this date:
1554 — Lady Jane Grey is executed for treason in England.
1610 — France's King Henry IV signs alliance with German Protestant Union.
1689 — Declaration of rights in England, in which William and Mary are proclaimed king and queen for life.
1782 — Charles Albert is crowned Roman Emperor Charles VI.
1885 — German East Africa Company is chartered.
1895 — Japanese forces score impressive victory at Wei-Tai-Wai in China.
1912 — Russian dynasty abdicates in China, and provincial republics established.
1934 — Workers stage general strike in France.
1956 — Soviet Union warns that dispatch of U.S. or British troops to Middle East will violate United Nations charter.
1967 — Soviet Union backs down from attempt to restrict Allied use of air corridors to Berlin.
1974 — Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Soviet Nobel Prize winner, is expelled from Moscow apartment.
1980 — U.S. Commission returns from East Africa with commitment from Kenya, Somalia and Oman to increase U.S. access to their military resources.
1981 — Britain's new Prime Minister Gen. James Callaghan calls for 90-day moratorium on strike action as government tries to deal with mounting economic crisis.
Thought for the day:
I don't ask to have controlled events, but confess finally that events have controlled me — Abraham Lincoln, U.S. President (1809-1865).

Way clear for leftist revival Down Under

By David Garvey

WELLINGTON — Back in the 1970s Norman Kirk and Cough Whitlam led a charge to victory by their respective Socialist parties in New Zealand and Australia. Now their successors, David Lange and Bob Hawke, promise to do the same.

The similarities of events now and 12 years ago are remarkable. Kirk and Whitlam revived dispirited parties rent by factionalism. They achieved the leadership of their two countries about the same time, each holding out a vision of progress. And both won a degree of personal political popularity not seen in either country for many years.

Kirk died suddenly in office. Whitlam's dreams foundered on cabinet ineptitude and a constitutional crisis.

Hawke, the man who may be Australia's next prime minister, has been a national figure throughout the past decade but only now, on the brink of a

general election, has he taken over the leadership of the Labor Party. He has less than one month to create a political machine capable of beating the toughest campaigner in the country — Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

In Australia's House of Representatives Fraser's governing Liberal-National Party coalition holds a majority of 21. The Liberals have 53 seats, National 20 and Labor 52. It is estimated that a swing of 3 percent would be sufficient to topple the coalition.

The government parties hold 31 seats in the Senate, while Labor has 27. The Australian Democrats hold five seats and there is one independent.

The Senate has rejected 13 government bills in the past parliamentary session. Fraser wants control of it but his stated reason for calling the election is to get public endorsement of his intention to maintain a wage freeze to combat inflation and restore economic growth and employment opportunities.

Hawke entered parliament three years ago after 10 years as head of the Australian Council of Trade

Unions, the organization that has done most to precipitate the election. ACTU opposes Fraser's freeze and is backing militant unions in their bid to break it. The key to Hawke's success or failure on March 5 appears to be his ability to convince the public that he can achieve by conciliation what Fraser seeks to achieve by decree.

In New Zealand, Lange has a similar task. He also has more time. New Zealand's general election is not due to be held until November next year. Aged 40, he, unlike Hawke, has no record of prolonged involvement in Labor causes. A lawyer, he entered parliament six years ago and quickly established a reputation as a witty and talented speaker.

He then weighed more than 350 pounds but in February last year he underwent a gastric bypass operation to reduce his weight, which is now down to 220 pounds.

Chosen last week as Labor's leader, Lange defies ideological definition, saying simply: "I'm a New Zealander." (LOS)

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China extending rural reforms for growth on non-Maoist lines

By Michael Paris

PEKING (LAT) — China is planning to extend the rural reforms that have already brought the countryside sustained prosperity in the hope of further quickening the pace of economic growth.

The new program breaks sharply with most Maoist policies on rural development, rejecting them as unable to increase agricultural productivity, and instead puts forward ideas that could redefine Chinese Communism as well as reshape the lives of the country's 800 million farmers.

Much of the collectivization of agriculture will be at least partially undone under the new measures. Some peasants are already returning to family farming, and new, voluntary rural cooperatives are being established by others to replace the system of people's communes imposed 25 years ago by Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Agriculture will become increasingly specialized, according to Peking's plans, and will aim at growing larger amounts of marketable produce. Farms will resume responsibility for selling most of their crops, further freeing them from state control, and will be able to buy what they find is uneconomical to grow themselves.

Small rural industries, most of them serving agriculture by processing local crops or making farm implements, will be built by new cooperatives of farmers pooling their funds as increased productivity frees more workers from actual cultivation. Plans are also being made for the growth of many village centers into small towns.

Taken together, the new policies envisage the development of China's rural economy — on which the livelihood of a fifth of the world's population depends — in much the same way that other agrarian societies have evolved, with individual initiative providing most of the energy.

Abandoned is Mao's vision of rural China as tens of thousands of self-sufficient, self-contained agricultural communities administered by Communist Party officials and supplying the state-run, centrally planned economy. Mao, in fact, saw the people's

communes as a shortcut to the ideal world of Communism and thought that, in time, China's cities could also be transformed into urban communes with egalitarianism the basic principle and political, economic, cultural and social policies all integrated.

China's change in approach to rural development, therefore, involves more than new economic policies, for it embodies an entirely different political philosophy — the pragmatism of Deng Xiaoping, China's top leader for the last four years, in place of the dogmatism of Mao.

"We should not tightly or precisely specify the form for future (rural) development, but leave this matter with the peasants to work out," Vice Premier Wan Li said at a recent national forum on the rural economy.

Wan, who launched the first reforms in Anhui province in 1977 and now oversees all agriculture, told those who fear that the changes are leading away from socialism, "we ought to respect our farmers' right to decide for themselves the forms their cooperation will take and how fast it will develop."

The state's efforts to run collective agriculture and to develop the rural economy have largely failed, Wan suggested, because the basic vision was flawed, the plans to implement it were often wrong-headed and the entire effort bogged down in bureaucracy.

"Smash the monopoly," Wan declared, criticizing the inability of state organizations to buy and process the farmers' crops and to supply them with agricultural machinery, fertilizers and consumer goods. "If you cannot cope with these demands," he told state officials, "then let the peasants do it themselves."

Wan's speech, published not long ago, outlines most of the changes the government plans over the next three years. There has already been significant progress on the Chinese farm. From 1977 to 1981, the gross value of China's agricultural production rose 28 percent, and it is expected to rise 5 percent more this year. Grain and other crops increased 22 percent from 1977 to 1981 under the new incentives. Meat production rose 62 percent and the output of rural indus-

tries 56 percent.

Farmers' incomes generally rose by at least 50 percent — agricultural prices were increased by an average of 40 percent — but in many cases doubled or even tripled. The cash earnings of rural families remain low, probably an average of about \$500 or \$600 this year, but have grown so dramatically that the Chinese countryside is dotted with houses filled with durable consumer goods ranging from television sets to washing machines to motorbikes.

Although the gains in agricultural productivity in the last four years have probably been greater than those in the previous 20, Chinese officials have acknowledged that this pace cannot be sustained indefinitely.

One reason is that much of the growth has come, according to Chinese agronomists, from correcting wasteful practices and restoring past efficiency. In 1977, the year before the reforms began, per-capita production of major crops was no higher than it was in the mid-1950s despite improvements in irrigation, fertilizers and mechanization and in new varieties of crops.

Chinese leaders have concluded that the answer to this problem lies, first of all, in further political and economic reforms in the countryside, accompanied by a variety of other measures including programs modeled after the U.S. agricultural extension service, and in farm-to-market roads.

Under this system (of family or individual responsibility for output), peasants are the real masters of the collectives, working as producers while participating in management, Wan said, explaining plans to extend the reforms. "In the past, however, they were laborers, pure and simple."

Wan was directly criticizing not just Mao's commune system but the whole philosophy of his rural development program, and he tried to reassure openly skeptical rural officials that this does not mean an end to socialism in the Chinese countryside, a charge made openly and frequently.

"The Chinese peasants sincerely support the Party," Wan declared, "and they want to follow the socialist road. Never do they want to skate off socialism, but only the yokes that fettered their initiative in the past."

Those yokes have been ideologically motivated agricultural policies that in the past made rice and wheat the "key link" for which other crops should be sacrificed, that allowed politics and party officials to prevail over peasants' common sense, and that decreed that bigger was socialist.

In underscoring those points, made not only by Wan but by Premier Zhao Ziyang, another innovator in rural policy, the official Chinese press has delighted in showing how the Maoist model, the Dazhai (Tachai) brigade in Shanxi province, has dropped its egalitarian approach entirely and adopted a family farming system, permitted individuals to go into sideline businesses for themselves and generally subordinated politics to economic development.

Wan's speech and those of other officials elaborating the new reforms reflect an entirely different view of the party's role.

"It is almost as if the peasants are to lead the party," a middle-level government official who is not an agricultural specialist commented here. "This is logical enough, but it is a reversal of the party-knows-best philosophy we have always had. The party and the government are to recede into the role of facilitators, not initiators any longer."

In his annual report to a recent meeting of the national people's congress, China's nominal parliament, Zhao said that various economic measures, including prices, taxes, interest rates and labor regulations, could be used to keep the rural economy "within the orbit of state planning and an organic part of the social economy."

However, as Wan did, Zhao put the emphasis on solving problems only after they had arisen rather than trying to anticipate all difficulties and stifling initiative with a multitude of regulations.

Wan went further and enjoined government and party officials from trying to take over the new rural cooperatives, which have the right to elect their own managers. The government has mobilized the newly strengthened court system to protect those farmers whose tractors, trucks and other equipment have been seized by officials charging them with hidden capitalism and other economic crimes.

"The real economic criminals are those bureaucrats who persist in asserting, wrongly, the state's monopoly on this or that, and the peasants' position as virtual serfs," a provincial newspaper commentary declared. "These leftists' policies are bankrupt, and they can only pretend otherwise through stealing the honesty earned rewards of others."



A THING OF JOY: The pigeons in London are causing a major pollution problem, especially in the famous Trafalgar Square. But what is a headache for environmentalists is a thing of joy for this boy who allows the birds to roost on him.

Training birds to fight for sport

By Azmat Ansari

KARACHI — History of the Asian sub-continent is full of interesting accounts of fights and bouts between wild animals, elephants, sheep and dogs. These were the favorite pastimes of the nobility and princes. The passion of the connoisseurs of such sports did not end with watching the sight of animals fight with each other. The elite societies of Lucknow and Delhi in the 18th and 19th centuries went all out to watch and match table (poultry) and song-birds in fights against each other.

This tradition of training small birds like pigeons, quails, partridges and even bulbuls to fight against their kind still continues in Pakistan. The most well-known places, where birds are made to fight for prizes are Peshawar, Quetta, Lahore, Hyderabad and Karachi. In these cities enthusiastic crowds get together on holidays and festive occasions at specially reserved places to watch the bouts. The stronger and better trained birds make the weaker ones run away from the pit. Like any other contest between two rival teams or persons, this one also generates fierce rivalry between supporters of the owners of the contestant birds adding an extra thrill to the whole show.

In Karachi, the most important center of the quail and partridge fights is the exercise arena of Bhoolu Pehalwan, the 1967 Free-Style Wrestling World Champion, better known to the world as *Rustam-e-Zaman*. Bhoolu Pehalwan explained that the training of table birds for fighting contests is a tough and expensive job, and he saw no difference between the training of a wrestler and a partridge, or a quail.

During its training period, a partridge is fed on a special diet of almonds, pistachios and raisins. Some trainers grind up some dried nuts and fruits into a paste which they give to the partridges as an energizer. Some others give their birds gold and silver foils to eat along with almonds etc.

A fighting partridge has to be run every day for about three miles to keep it fit. Before the bird is put back into the cage for rest after a three-mile run, it is made to walk for a little distance to regain its breath.

Normally, it takes a partridge one-and-a-half months to be fit enough to fight. A partridge wouldn't fight before 45 days even if it has won a bout.

Only special varieties of these birds are trained for such fights. All non-fighting varieties are, however, consumed as table birds. The fighting partridges stay at the peak of their performance for about four years after which they retire from active fighting.

At the fighting pit, as soon as the two contestant birds are let out from their wicker-work cages, they both rush with their necks extended to attack each other. In the very first move, one of the birds plucks a tuft of feathers from the neck of the other; the other



READY FOR FIGHT: The two contestant partridges face each other as an enthusiastic crowd gather around the fighting pit. Below: The fight is over and the winner is ready to leave the scene after inflicting the gravest injuries on its opponent.



bird similarly pecks at the breast of the first bird, and thus a regular fight begins between the two contestants.

They thus attack each other with the skill and finesse of seasoned fighters. Eventually, the one who has inflicted the largest number of injuries on the other, makes the weaker one hobble out of the pit.

Bhoolu, the great wrestler says that he has learned quite a few wrestling tricks and moves from the partridges after observing them for a long time in the pit. The quails and partridges have some extremely interesting gambits, moves and stratagems from which a wrestler can learn a lot to his advantage.

A wrestler said that he fell ill when he sold his birds, and was left with none to go out for a walk, or a run in the morning, because every trainer has to run along with his partridge at least three miles every day which gives him in turn the much-needed exercise.

Bird owners bring their pets to Karachi from places as far out as Peshawar, to test their fighting skill. It is a big honor for a pet owner if his bird wins at Bhoolu Pehalwan's *Akhara*.

Quails are also made to fight at the pit. Fighting between quails doesn't last for more than three to four minutes. The training of a quail — a bird one-third the size of a partridge — is a difficult job. The owner has to see to it that the bird doesn't put on any extra weight, and by constant massage a bird is made to shed off unwanted fat that it puts on.

The fighting quails are similarly trained and fed on a special feed of small seeds treated with fresh butter and almond paste. In the Northwest Frontier Province (NWFP) quail fighting is a common sport. The birds are trained enthusiastically and their weight is watched closely. If a quail puts on some fat, it is given purgatives until such time that it loses its extra weight. A heavy weight quail doesn't stand a chance of winning against a light and supple-bodied bird in the pit.

In the rural areas of NWFP, bird owners with quails in hand, massaging them with a to-and-fro movement of the hand, is not an uncommon sight.

Like partridges, the fighting quails are also taken out for frequent walks and exercise. A quail, which has been trained up and dieted properly for months, can put up a fight for about four minutes after which it begins to lose its breath.

The black-spotted quails are considered better fighters than birds which have no spots on their plumages at all. An average quail costs no more than eight to ten rupees (about \$1), but prize fighters may cost as much as eight thousand rupees or more.

Bulbuls are also trained and made to fight for sport in some parts of the NWFP and Baluchistan. The bulbuls, like quails and partridges, are put on a special diet during training. Some legendary bulbul trainers in the past are known to have made the stands and roosts of gold and silver plated wires for their pets. Good fighting bulbuls are very highly prized.

The interesting point to note is that among the bulbuls, quails and partridges, it is only the males that fight. The females, no matter how hard one tries to make them fight, do not fight at all.



IRRIGATION BY FOOT: Water is literally trodden from this river into a paddy field. The foot-powered irrigation system is part of a Chinese commune farm.

Fat modeling is big business

NEW YORK (R) — Fat, usually considered a curse has become an asset for full-figured beauties now at the center of a multimillion-dollar boom in the U.S. fashion industry.

Women are earning up to \$100,000 a year for modeling large-size clothes and the U.S. businessmen rate the large-fashion garment industry's prospects as excellent.

The New York model agency run by Pat Swift, 27, is evidence of the industry's capacity for growth. An 185-pound brunette who says she is fighting a battle on behalf of big women, Miss Swift started her firm five years ago and today employs 40 models to show off large-size clothes.

In an interview, Miss Swift said there were 38 million large American women, adding: "If each large-size woman spends \$300 a year on clothing, you're talking about billions of dollars in business."

Today Miss Swift's highest paid model earns \$100,000 a year and the company is contemplating opening a branch in Europe. "Almost every manufacturer has large sizes, because it has become such a big business," said Miss Swift.

Businessmen agree that the outlook is rosy. Barry Paley, president of Tomorrow's Dream Company that makes blouses exclusively for big women, said his firm sold garments worth \$12 million last year in the United States, Britain and Canada.

He began the business in 1976 and recalls: "I was working for a house that was doing some large fashions. I thought there was a tremendous void in the fashion industry for large sizes — no one was making them."

In the United States, the traditional store for larger women is Lane Bryant, a subsidiary of the Limited, a specialty clothing company. Richard Feinberg, president of the retail division, said the future for large sizes was excellent.

"I think the market and the population out there has been untapped. I think there's a very bright future in large sizes and I'm very optimistic."

Statistics show this view is well-founded. The Journal of the American Medical Associa-

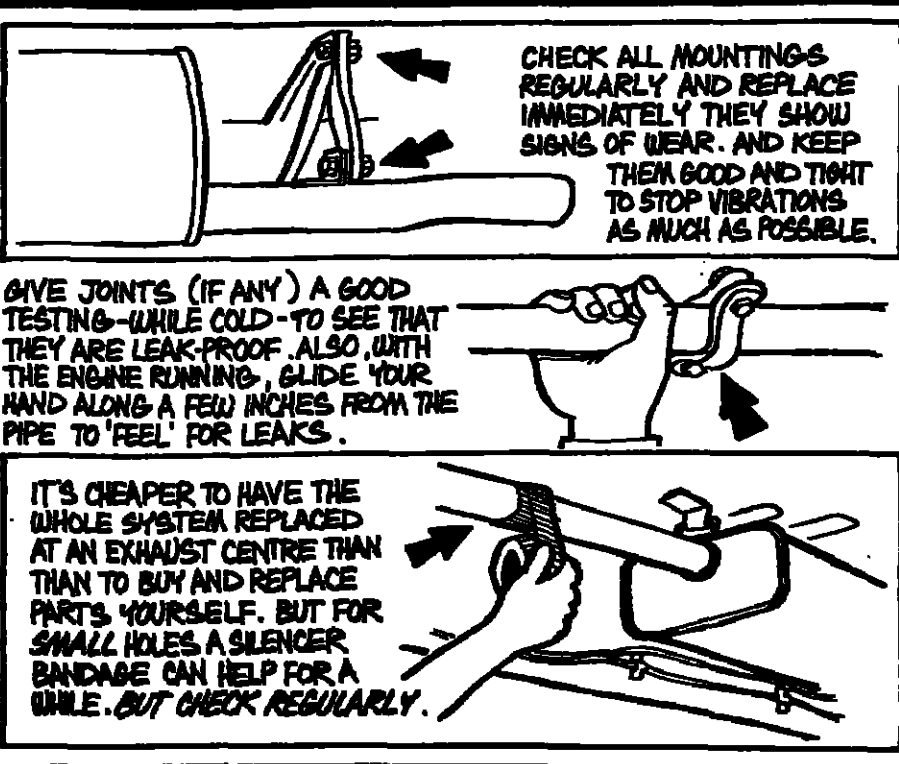
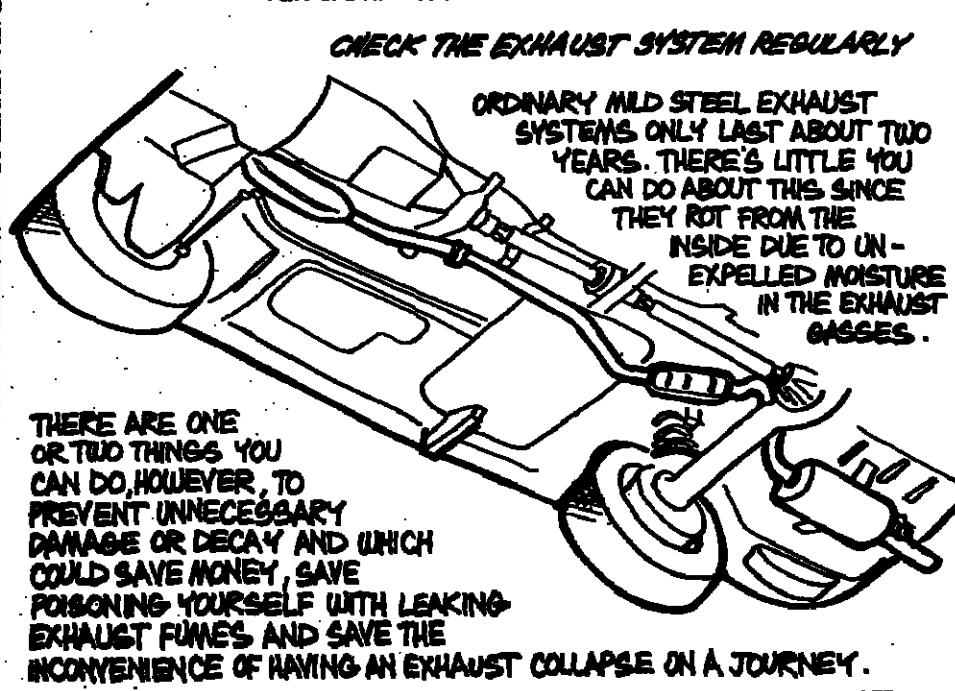
tion estimates that as many as 15 percent of adult men and 25 percent of adult women are overweight by a factor of 20 percent or more.

One model weighing 184 pounds earns \$80,000 a year. Another who is five feet, nine inches tall has earned about \$40,000 in her first year of modeling.

This is much less money than traditionally slimmer models make, but as Miss Swift says: "It's still quite a good living." Called fat at school and much worried about her own weight when she was a student, Miss Swift has written a beauty guide for full-figured women in which she predicts a "beautiful" future for them if they pay attention to their looks, their wardrobe and their attitudes.

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CHECK ALL MOUNTINGS REGULARLY AND REPLACE IMMEDIATELY THEY SHOW SIGNS OF WEAR. AND KEEP THEM GOOD AND TIGHT TO STOP VIBRATIONS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

GIVE JOINTS (IF ANY) A GOOD TESTING—WHILE COLD—TO SEE THAT THEY ARE LEAK-PROOF. ALSO, WITH THE ENGINE RUNNING, SLIDE YOUR HAND ALONG A FEW INCHES FROM THE PIPE TO FEEL FOR LEAKS.

IT'S CHEAPER TO HAVE THE WHOLE SYSTEM REPLACED AT AN EXHAUST CENTRE THAN TRY TO BUY AND REPLACE PARTS YOURSELF. BUT FOR SMALL HOLES A SILENCER BANDAGE CAN HELP FOR A WHILE. BUT CHECK REGULARLY.

Accord struck on hiking IMF funds to \$99 billion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R) — The 22-member countries of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) policy-making interim committee have reached tentative agreement on an increase in the fund's basic resources to 90 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDR), or about \$99 billion from 61 billion SDR (\$66 billion), monetary sources said.

The agreement was reached after a meeting which extended into the early hours of Friday chaired by Sir Geoffrey Howe, British chancellor of the exchequer.

The agreement, expected to be announced officially by the IMF later Friday, is designed to bolster the fund's lending resources to developing countries and help avoid a collapse of the world monetary system.

The late-night discussions were believed to have led to agreement on an overall package by all but one country, the monetary sources said.

One delegate close to the meeting said: "The deal is not absolutely sewn up but we hope the reservation will be cleared as soon as the committee convenes."

The sources would identify the country involved, which is expected to make a major contribution to the fund's resources, although the exact size is not known.

Tentative agreement at a level of 90 billion SDR represents a compromise between the United States and European countries, which had been at loggerheads over the size of an increase during negotiations earlier this week.

The United States, the IMF's largest contributor, had taken the position that its Congress would only approve a 40 percent increase in the fund's quotas, which are the financial pledges made by member countries. This would have limited the increase to about 85 billion SDR (about \$92.7 billion).

West European nations had been holding out for an increase of at least 50 percent to 91.6 billion SDR (about \$100 billion) while the Japanese and Canadians were prepared to go one step further and recommend a 65

percent increase.

On Thursday Sir Geoffrey, new chairman of the interim committee, had vowed to keep all parties at the bargaining table until a final accord was reached.

Assuming the last obstacle to final agreement is resolved, the package will go a long way toward defusing tension between the United States and Europe on the issue of IMF funding, the sources said, but it is not expected to be well received by developing countries.

The developing countries, including Mexico, Brazil and Argentina which have been some of the major casualties of the world debt crisis, had called earlier this week for a doubling of member country contributions to the IMF.

Wholesale prices plummet in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Wholesale prices in the United States plummeted a record 1 percent last month, with plunging prices for gasoline, natural gas and home heating oil leading the way, the government said Friday.

Food prices also fell, although at a more modest rate. As for energy prices, which declined a record 4.2 percent at wholesale, Labor Department analysts said in releasing Friday's report the mild winter was largely responsible for the surprising 2.7 percent fall in natural gas prices and the 9.7 percent drop in home heating oil costs.

Fuel oil costs have also been restrained by the worldwide oil glut, as have gasoline prices, which were off 3.3 percent. The department's energy price calculations actually lag a month behind the rest of the index.

Food prices, as reflected in Friday's producer price index for finished goods, fell 0.2 percent. Pacing the drop were declines in the wholesale cost of vegetables, fish and poultry.

U.S. truckers call off strike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Leaders of America's independent truckers called a halt Thursday to their violence-marred protest strike after they won assurances from nearly three dozen U.S. Congressmen that their complaints would be examined.

"You have to be realistic," Michael Parkhurst, president of the Independent Truckers Association, said at a news conference interrupted by shouts and heckling from other truckers who said the 11-day strike should continue.

Acting at Parkhurst's urging, thousands of independent drivers parked their trucks Jan. 31 in protest against increases in truck taxes and road-user fees voted by Congress shortly before December holidays. But in recent days the strike appeared to be crumbling as

growing numbers of truckers returned to the highways. One trucker was killed on the first day of the strike.

An independent trucker is a driver who owns his own truck and is in business for himself. Other truckers in the United States work for trucking firms.

"We are officially asking independent truckers ... to get back to work as soon as possible," Parkhurst said after a three-hour meeting of about 40 regional representatives of his organization, which claims 30,000 members.

It was not known how many of the truckers would follow Parkhurst's request to end the strike, but federal officials said privately that they considered the protest virtually finished anyway.



TRADE PARLEYS: Wilhelm Haferkamp (right) and Etienne Davignon (center), vice presidents of European Economic Community Commission, are ushered to their seats by Japanese International Trade and Industry Minister Sadanori Yamanaka Thursday as they meet at Yamanaka's office for talks on trade issues.

Gold breaks \$500 barrier Dollar rates take a tumble

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Persistent expectations of a drop in American interest rates dragged the dollar lower in foreign trading Friday.

Gold bullion prices broke through the \$500 level in Europe for the first time this week.

European currency traders said disappointing January retail sales figures suggested the U.S. economy was not recovering as fast as expected, heightening speculation of a decline in interest rates to bolster business investments.

The dollar's week-long slide has been attributed to speculation of an imminent cut in the Federal Reserve Board's 8 1/2 percent discount rate and the growing belief that the pro-business West German coalition government would remain in power.

Lower U.S. interest rates make dollar-dominated investments less attractive and non-interest-bearing commodities such as gold more attractive.

In London, the British pound continued to recover lost ground against the dollar, edging up to \$1.54725 from \$1.5465 Thursday.

Other dollar rates compared with Thursday included: 2.3985 West German marks, down from 2.4095, 1.9992 Swiss francs,

down from 2.0157, 6.8125 French francs, down from 6.8405, 2.64925 Dutch guilders, down from 2.6655, 1.385125 Italian lira, down from 1.390.625, 1.22525 Canadian dollars, unchanged.

Tokyo markets were closed for a national holiday, but in London the dollar traded at 235.15 Japanese yen, down from Thursday's close of 236.35.

The value of gold bullion, meanwhile, broke through the psychologically important \$500 barrier at the opening, and one London dealer said the price probably would go higher.

London's five major bullion dealers set a Friday's gold-fixing price of \$506 troy ounce, up from Thursday's 497.25.

In Zurich, the precious metal also cost \$506 compared with 496.50 Thursday. Silver was quoted in London at \$14.32 a troy ounce, up from Thursday's \$14.02.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	502.12
Paris	507.88
Frankfurt	506.99
Zurich	504.75
Hong Kong	closed.

U.K. inflation drops to 4.9%

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Britain's annual inflation rate dropped to a 13-year low of 4.9 percent in January, down from 5.4 percent in December, the government announced Friday.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, which made the battle against inflation its No. 1 economic target, has now succeeded in reducing the annual rate from a peak of 21.9 percent a year after she took office in May 1979.

The rate has been more than halved since January 1982, when it was 12 percent, and it has declined for eight consecutive months. The last time inflation was 4.9 percent was February 1970.

But the new figures come at a time of record post-1930s unemployment — 13.8 percent or 3.2 million out of work — and Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit warned that even on the inflation front, the next few months will be "bumpy."

"There will be months when the figure will

go up a little and months when it will go down a little," he said. A key factor, he said, was the 14-month decline in the value of the British pound since last fall, making imports more expensive.

Tebbit warned those in jobs against pressing for high pay settlements which he said "pushed prices up and put people out of work needlessly."

Peter Shore, economics spokesman for the opposition Labor Party, said, "sure, inflation is down. But under this government, every month that inflation falls, the number of unemployed people goes up. The connection is obvious." The retail prices index food at 325.9 in January, compared with a January 1974 base of 100.

Average prices rose just 0.1 percent last month and 0.9 percent in the last six months. Many foods fell in price, but were offset by higher utility and fuel prices set by nationalized industries.

British inflation now compares favorably with major competitors, the employment department said. Comparable annual rates stand at 8.4 percent in the European Common Market and 6.5 percent in industrial nations as a whole.

Individual rates include 3.9 percent in the United States, 1.8 percent in Japan, 4.6 percent in West Germany, 16.4 percent in Italy, 9.7 percent in France and 9.3 percent in Canada.

Sir Terence Beckett, director of the Confederation of British Industry, welcomed the figures but added: "If we are going to increase our share of difficult world business, we need to increase our competitiveness further."

Looking ahead to Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe's March budget, Beckett urged him to cut industry's costs, rather than reduce income taxes to encourage consumer spending. "In this way we can reap the benefits of lower inflation in more jobs and prosperity," he said.

To speed up growth U.S., allies to shun curbs

TOKYO, Feb. 11 (R) — Trade ministers from Japan, the United States, the European Economic Community and Canada said Friday they were committed to preventing the spread of protectionist pressure in world trade.

They also agreed at their meeting here that they would soon have to consider expansionary policies to speed up economic activity and cut unemployment now that many countries were bringing inflation under control.

Japan's International Trade Minister Sadanori Yamanaka, who called the conference, said afterward that increasing protectionist pressure threatened the free trade system which was vital to economic recovery. "We confirm the need to continue the fight against it with firm determination," he said.

The meeting was to pave the way for a summit of leaders of the world's major industrial nations in the Washington area in May.

Also taking part were Wilhelm Haferkamp, the community commission vice president for external affairs, Etienne Davignon, commission vice president for industrial affairs, U.S. trade negotiator William Brock

and Canadian Trade Minister Gerald Regan. Yamanaka said protectionist pressure from the world's unemployed was becoming strong "but the virtual collapse of the world economy during the 1930s stands as a stern reminder of the disastrous consequences entailed by a vicious and rampant cycle of worldwide depression and protectionism." "It is time for us to consider seriously what each country can do to encourage economic recovery while still keeping inflation under control," he said.

Brock told a press conference after the meeting that an economic recovery emerging in the U.S. would spread to the rest of the world, but "protectionism" would continue because it would take some time for unemployment to fall.

"The pressures for protectionism are enormously strong now and will probably remain so through 1983 and into 1984," he forecast.

President Ronald Reagan's administration remained committed to fighting such sentiment, he added. "We cannot and will not bow to the pressures of protectionism because of a short-term situation," he said.

"If we were to do so it would limit the prospects for our own recovery and we have no intention of following that course now or in the foreseeable future. We simply do not intend to allow protectionism to become the dominant force in American politics."

WB lends \$28.7m to 3 African states

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R) — The World Bank said it had approved funds totaling \$28.7 million for projects in three African nations.

The largest amount, \$12 million, is to support a geothermal power project in Kenya. The bank is also lending \$9.5 million to Senegal for a petroleum exploration project and \$7.2 million to Cape Verde for upgrading port facilities.

The bank said in a statement that Kenya's \$41.6 million project would build a third 15-megawatt steam turbine and generator at the Olkaria geothermal field. Funds of \$29.6 million would come from the Kenya Power Company Limited, the Commonwealth Development Corporation of Great Britain and the European Investment Bank.

Watermen urged to end strike

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Environment Minister Tom King Thursday urged the country's 29,000 water workers to accept arbitration in their 18-day-old strike over pay and warned that unless a solution was found soon, the government would intervene to maintain supplies.

As the strike worsened — another 1,000 homes were without running water, bringing the total to 37,000 — King told the House of Commons that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government would not "stand idly by" and hinted strongly that troops would be sent in unless agreement is reached between the three unions representing the water workers and the employers in the state-owned industry, the National Water Council.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Currency	Rate	Transfer
Belgian Franc (1,000)	3.20	9.14
British Pound (100)	14.20	14.13
Canadian Dollar		2.82
Deutsche Mark (100)	143.25	142.78
Dutch Guilder (100)	130.00	129.43
French Franc (100)	3.15	3.12
Japanese Yen (100)	93.75	93.75
Swiss Franc (100)	50.60	50.47
U.S. Dollar (100)	37.50	41.75
Italian Lira (1,000)		34.89
Israeli Sheqel (100)		5.80
Spanish Peseta (10,000)	25.20	24.95
Portuguese Escudo (1,000)	15.30	14.70
Yemeni Rial (100)	9.75	9.70
Jordanian Dinar	11.80	11.83
Lebanese Lira (100)	87.80	86.92
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.50	54.36
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	26.56
Philippine Peso (100)		36.93
South African Rand (100)	5.37	5.32
Singapore Dollar (100)	94.50	94.60
Sri Lankan Rupee (100)		166.45
Taiwan Dollar (100)		26.92
Thai Baht (100)	171.00	170.74
Yemeni Rial (100)	61.75	61.75
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.10	75.25

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Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Municipal & Rural Affairs Ministry	Temporary asphalt for Sorat Ubaishah villages	245	2,000	Feb. 13
"	"	"	"	"
"	Lighting Haddad streets	246	1,000	Feb. 14
"	"	"	"	"
"	Construction of 3 model markets in Shamsia, Qassim	247	500	Feb. 15
"	"	"	"	"
"	Construction of a mosque, Riyadh	248	2,000	Feb. 19
"	"	"	"	"
"	Asphalt, paving & lighting in Zulf	54/402/403	8,000	Jan. 30

PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 27TH RABI AL THANI 1403/10TH FEBRUARY, 1983

1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Rashid	Baboud	Potatoes/Gen.	8.2.83
4.	Kota Abadi	O.C.E.	General	8.2.83
5.	Lama Island	Altawil	Rice/Sorghum	8.2.83
6.	Telamon	Altawil	Cont/General	8.2.83
8.	Gilwice	Altawil	Barley	8.2.83
9.	Pag	Altawil	General/Reefer	7.2.83
10.	Asia No. 12	S.F.T.C.	Steel/Pipe	3.2.83
11.	Al Fajr Al Saudi I	Al Sabah	Steel/Marble	5.2.83
12.	Magida	Abdullah	Cont/Gen.	8.2.83
15.	Golden Benin	El Havi	Gen/Timber	5.2.83
17.	Shoken Maru	O.C.E.	Apples	7.2.83
18.	Prometheus	Altawil	Bulk Cement	2.2.83
19.	Jeddah Cement I	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	28.1.83
20.	Sedge	Bamaodah	Steel/Timber	28.1.83
21.	Ikarian Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	31.12.82
22.	Edinburgh Uni.	Star	Bannas	5.2.83
23.	Barber Tennessee	Barber	Gen/Cont	7.2.83
24.	Florida	Shobokshi	Steel/General	7.2.83
25.	Maldiv Ambassador	O.T.A.	Tiles/Gen.	6.2.83
26.	Sunderbans	A.E.T.	Foodstuffs	7.2.83
27.	Good Warrior	A.E.T.	General/Steel	6.2.83
28.	Caribbean Uni.	Star	Bananas	8.2.83
29.	Jadco	Altawil	Tiles	3.2.83
33.	Bayley	Gulf	Stl/General	6.2.83

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3.	Astir	Gulf	Paper Reels/Tim	4.2.83
5.	Saudi Al Madina	Orri	General	8.2.83
6.	Barbery	Orri	Gen/Steel	26.1.83
8.	Barbery	Orri	Gen/Steel	26.1.83
10.	Itin Hayyan	Kanoo	General	4.2.83
13.	Maldiv Privilege	Orri	Gen/Timber	5.2.83
15.	Asia Chilio	SMC	General	31.1.83
17.	Sea Astrea	SEA	Gen/Timber	6.2.83
19.	Han Nara	OCE	General	2.2.83
21.	Halla Partner	Gulf	General	3.2.82
23.	Kaghan	SEA	General	1.2.83
25.	Kilmarnock	Kanoo	Bulk Cement	30.1.83
27.	Fathulhair	Kanoo	Loading Empty	1.2.83
29.	Union Yenko	OCE	Loading Empty	1.2.83
31.	Avet Maersk	Kanoo	Containers	30.1.83
33.	Falcon Cement	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	26.1.83
35.	MIA	Barber	Bulk Barytes	26.1.83
37.	Tarpon Star	SCSA	General	25.1.83
39.	Federal Huran	SMC	General	28.1.83
41.	Union Beauty	Altawil	Steel/Gen.	28.1.83
43.	Peara Flag	Al Sabah	Cement Silo Vsl	4.1.83
45.	Garcia Larca (D.B)	Barber	Bulk Cement	29.1.83
47.	Nissho Maru (D.B.)	Globe	Bulk Cement	27.1.83

Europeans stage rally for jobs

BRUSSELS, Feb. 11 (AP) — About 5,000 European unionists led by a huge contingent from West Germany, marched peacefully through downtown Brussels Friday to demonstrate their demand for more government action against unemployment.

Workers from a dozen European countries took part in the mile-long march and heard speeches by leaders of the European Trade Union Confederation.

The largest contingent was a group of 2,000 metal workers from Dortmund, West Germany, and police gave an overall estimate of 5,000 participants. The marchers held such signs as, "stop attacking the weakest," and "fight together for jobs."

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Southeast Asians prefer traditional attire

By Eric S. Giron

MANILA (Depthnews) — Southeast Asia continues to maintain the sartorial distinction of being the only region in the world with the most colorful national costumes.

The costumes reflect both racial, cultural and religious diversities and affinities of peoples in the region. While urbanized Southeast Asians now dress like their counterparts in the industrialized West, the bulk of their compatriots continue to prefer the native attire.

Such a preference of the majority prevents the respective national costumes from being consigned to limbo as has been other cultural traits due to long years of experience with Western colonization.

The diversity in native dress is not constant since there is also similarity. Identical items of dress stem from the region being a crossroads where people, goods and ideas from East and West meet and intermingle.

The sarong, the women's blouse-and-skirt, the coolie hat and turban, and Chinese-influenced tight-fitting trousers and jacket worn by Muslims in Southern Philippines, Indonesia, Borneo and mainland Asia are only a few of the identical wear. Chinese descendants in the region still wear the loose tunic and trousers.

All over Asia, men and women working the fields or walking under the hot sun shade themselves with conical straw hats known as

Igorot women of Benguet in the Northern Luzon highlands of the Philippines wear an identical dress as that of the mountain dwellers of southern Taiwan, and tote baskets on their backs strapped to their foreheads. During prehistoric times, a land ridge connected Taiwan or Formosa to North Luzon. This disappeared during the middle Miocene period. The Chinese *Yang Tchou Wen Kao* annals suggest that "betelnut-chewing Filipinos called Hala — simply the Gala, commonly Tagala, with the usual prefix left out — founded the Formosa state of Luklu."

A popular Asian unisex wear is a wraparound called sarong. Asian males don the sarong just as Scots wear kilts for ceremonial and informal occasions. It is known as *kain* in Indonesia, *longyi* in Burma, *lungi* in India, *pusin* in Thailand, and by various names in the Philippines.

The Filipino version of the sarong is a black or dark-blue overskirt worn by women over their *saya* (long skirt) when leaving the house. This is known as *agis* to Tagalogs and *patadyong* in Visayan. Mindanao Muslims wear a brightly colored *malong*.

The basic Burmese item of dress for both sexes is the tubular ankle-length *longyi* worn with open sandals or in barefoot. On informal occasions, Burmese men don a vivid Arakanese *longyi* with a shirt or a tunic jacket. In place of the *longyi*, the Burmese at times wear *gungbung* trousers, which are hand-woven or machine-made in plain or elaborate designs.

Working-class Muslims and Hindu peasants of India wrap two yards of checkered cloth around the waist and tuck it with an adhesive. This loose sarong is called *lungi*.

Rural Indonesian males wear the traditional *kain* (sarong) with a shirt, the fez-like *pitik* or black velvet Muslim cap popularized by Sukarno. The *kain* is usually decorated with a batik pattern.

Farmers of rural Thailand, where 85 percent of the population live, wear loose shirts with a *pakama* made of cotton cloth, sashed at the waist. The women's sarong is known as *pusin*.

Malay Muslims of Penang (Malaysia) wear a sarong with a long-sleeved batik shirt. The hajis or those who have been to Makkah, cover their heads with a white cap like the Filipino hajis of Mindanao and Sulu. For ceremonial occasions, the Malaysians wear the traditional sarong over matching trousers, a wide *bangkong* (belt), *ten kolok* (traditional headwear) and a kris sheathed in an intricately carved scabbard tucked in the belt.

The women's garb of Malays in Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Kampuchea and other Southeast Asian nations is basically the *baro't saya* (blouse and skirt) still worn by elder and provincial Filipinos.

Malay women of Malaysia wear an elegant sarong *kebaya* of batik. The sarong is a tight-fitting skirt and the *kebaya* a matching, skin-tight V-necked blouse flaring into a peplum which accents the waist and the hips.

The Indonesian *kain* (sarong) and a fitted long-sleeved *kebaya* is also worn by Muslim women of Mindanao. Usually, a *slendang* (scarf) is flung over the shoulder. The *slendang*, which could have been influenced by the Indian sari, is reminiscent of the balintawak costume which Filipinos wore in May at the hilltown of Antipolo during the 1920s-50s. The balintawak uses a folded *panuelo* like the *slendang*, which is slung over the shoulder diagonally and tucked in at the right hip.

Typical Thai women protect themselves from the sun with long-sleeved blouses and a *pusin* draped over the hips down to the feet, and a sun hat. Some Thai women wear a bandanna or headcloth called *pakama* which serves as a headband or wrapper for fruits. Its counterpart is the *putong*, a headrest for baskets used by Filipino and Javanese women vendors.

Asian national costumes are variegated.

The Vietnamese walk the streets in what Westerners call pajamas. There is something very feminine about the *ao dai* of soft silk or diaphanous cloth split on both sides. Body movement flutters the panels away from the silk pantaloons underneath so that Saigon women in conical straw hats seem to be floating along the boulevard like exotic butterflies.

The working Chinese women of Malaysia wear the ordinary *samfoo* (loose tunic and trousers). On occasions they don the *cheong-sam*, a figure-hugging dress with a high Mandarin collar.

The Filipino's formal costume is the *mes-siza* dress of Spanish and Mexican influence, generally referred to as *terno*. It is distinguished by its puffed medieval "butterfly" sleeves. In the old days, Filipinos wore triangular *stiff panuelo* like a fichu, and a long train that was clutched by hand or tucked in at the waist lest the wearer trip. The modern *terno* has lost the *panuelo* and is hiked above the ankle for easier mobility. Only the butterfly sleeves differentiate it from the formal Western gown.

The formal Maria Clara ensemble of the Filipino woman is an ornately-embroidered blouse of fragile *pinia* with a broad collar and long flaring sleeves, worn with a satin skirt of broad green and black stripes or other such combinations. The Maria Clara is now used only on special occasions or in folk dances.

Lissome Indian ladies are swathed in six yards of sari silk around the body that is anchored over the shoulders, leaving a few inches of alluring dusky skin between the abbreviated choli or halter-like bodice. The sari could stretch up to nine yards and frequently covers the head as well.

When worn as a sole garment, the sari is normally draped over a half slip. The quality of the sari varies from the drab workaday blue or white to the heavy gold brocade or fine gold-threaded silk of the rich.

Women of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka also wear the sari. The Indian women of Malaysia wear the sari only on occasions. On ordinary days, they don the Western dress.

Women of North India wear a full flowing skirt in scattered areas. Bengali women veil their heads with Benares silk.

The most common male Indian garment is the dhoti — four to five yards of cotton wrapped around the waist and tucked between the legs. The poor peasant or laborer wears a very short dhoti of low-quality cloth. The well-to-do man hangs from the waist fine muslin in full folds with a border edged in silver or gold thread.

The official Indian costume for formal occasions is the three-quarter length coat called *achkan*, buttoned all the way up front to its short, stiff collar.

In the Punjab, both men and women wear loose-fitting pajamas of Persian origin called *shahwar*. A long shirt is worn out side the *shahwar*.

word watch

By Howard Dean Shaw

Did Greeks have the word? A correspondent asks whether we can tell him where the expression "to call a spade a spade" comes from. It appears in all the dictionaries and means, of course, to call a thing by its right name, to use plain words and avoid beating about the bush. But what is its origin?

This is one one of those questions that has no neat answer. It goes back into ancient Greek history — but did the Greeks have spades? According to Charles Earle Funk of the famous family of dictionary-makers, Plutarch used the term in writing about the life of Philip of Macedon.

But the Greek words for *spade* and *boat* were similar, so we have to depend on somebody's translation. Maybe we should be saying "to call a boat a boat."

"Spades" in playing cards is descended from a word meaning wooden sword.

Two-way stretch: Do you have trouble with the past tense of words like *dive*, *leap*, and *dream*? J.H. of Marina, Calif., does, and asks for guidance. Here are the "principal parts" of these three words:

I dive, I dived (or informal, I dove), I

have dived. To be strictly formal, say I *dove* yesterday, but *dove* is acceptable in speaking and informally in writing (the plane dove into the sea).

A bird of a word: Let's talk about *liable*. It's a strange word. Is it almost too hot to handle?

I was taught that *liable* does not mean likely. Is that right? Well, here's another yes-and-no answer.

Strictly speaking, *liable* means legally obligated or bound (liable to pay a tax or a fine). So, is it right to say "You are liable for the increase in your assessment," and wrong to say "You're liable to miss your plane"?

All dictionaries show this secondary meaning of *liable* (as more or less equivalent to *likely* or *apt*), but the experts in usage don't like it too well. The American Heritage Dictionary says using *liable* to express only probability is "loose usage."

Two suggestions: (1) to be completely safe, don't use the word except in the legal sense (to mean binding, subject to, or obligated). (2) If you use *liable* to mean *likely*, use it only in a negative sense (she is liable to catch your cold).



COLORFUL: A Japanese child in her traditional kimono, a colorful attire, *salakot* in the Philippines. The shape varies from the wide-brimmed *salakot* with pointed top worn by Filipino women when planting rice, to a brightly painted one in Sarawak, the flat-topped straw hats of Hong Kong and Macau boat people, the lampshade wear of Malaysians and Klong-dwellers of Bangkok, and the Vietnamese cones. To Westerners, this sun hat is known simply as the Chinese coolie hat.

There is a striking resemblance in the iridescent loincloth, skirts and feathery headresses, bracelets, bangles and earrings of the ethnic minorities of Indonesia, Borneo, the Philippines, Taiwan and Indochina comprised by Burma, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea (former Cambodia), and the former Malaya, now Malaysia.

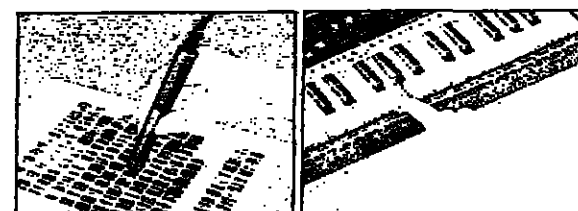
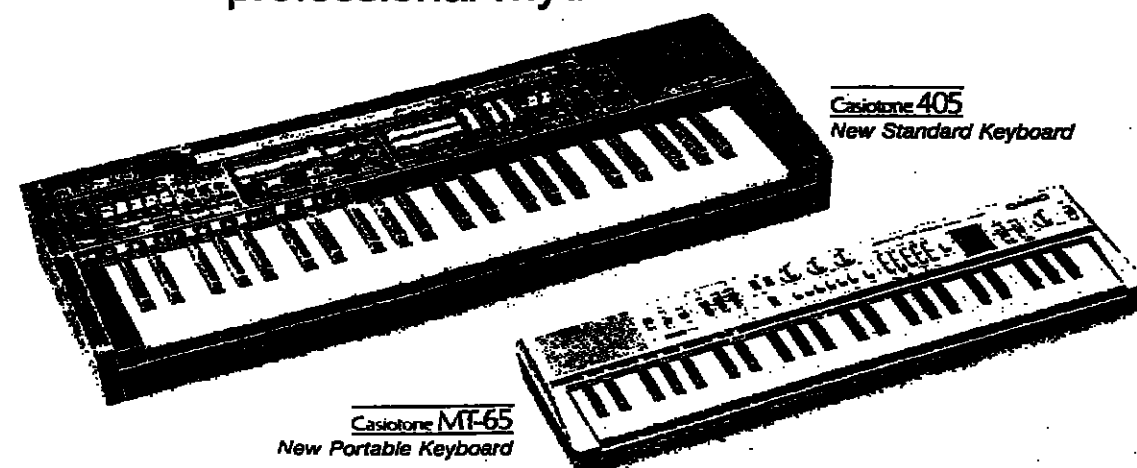


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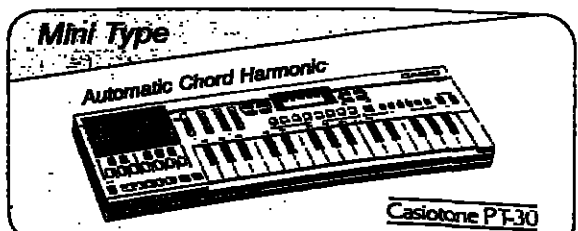
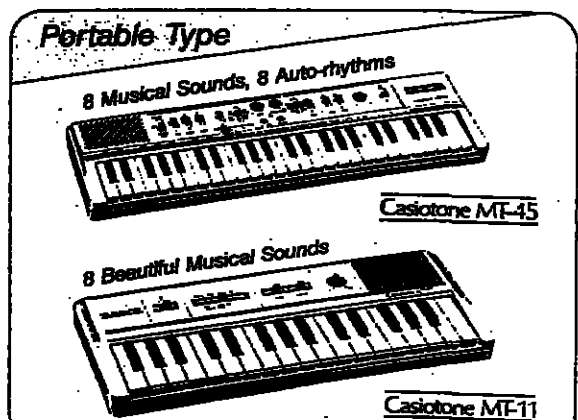


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A milestone in medicine

Heart transplant technique 20 years old

By Susan Saporito
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — A milestone in medicine was achieved in late 1982, when a human heart was entirely replaced by a piece of machinery and implanted in the chest of a retired dentist from Seattle.

Barney Clark, 61, first came to the University of Utah in 1982 as a possible candidate for the artificial heart. Because of his age, Clark could not qualify to be a heart transplant recipient. He had been suffering from a progressive, fatal deterioration of the heart muscle known as cardiomyopathy for almost three years. After visiting the artificial heart facilities, Clark went home to Seattle to think about having the operation.

In November, Clark came back to the institution and his primary surgeon, William DeVries, was shocked at Clark's deteriorating condition. In just a month's time, Clark needed an oxygen mask and his lungs and abdomen were filling with fluids that were backing up because his heart could not pump strong enough. His cardiac output — the amount of blood pumped — had fallen to one liter a minute; seven is normal. His kidneys and liver, deprived of adequate blood flow, were beginning to fail.

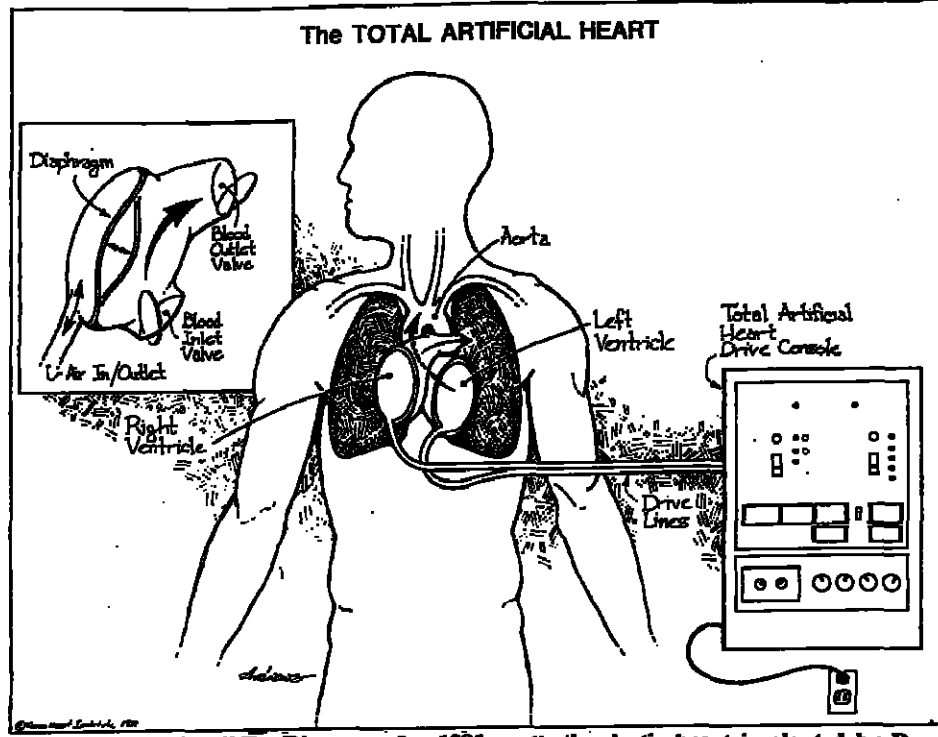
After the intensive seven-hour operation, Clark was taken to the intensive care unit, already healthier than he was before the surgery. His blood pressure had risen to that of an 18-year-old, his cardiac output was at the normal seven and his kidneys and other organs appeared healthy.

But two days later, Clark developed subcutaneous emphysema. Bubbles of air were forcing their way into Clark's chest wall. If air continued to accumulate, it could compress his windpipe and strangle him. DeVries brought him back into the operating room and found air escaping from small holes in Clark's lungs entering the chest wall through an opening made for the compressed-air drive lines and tubes that had drained the original incision. Clark quickly improved after DeVries made the repairs.

Two more days of rapid improvement followed, then one morning while talking to DeVries, Clark suddenly went into convulsions. The problem was not the worst that the doctor feared — a cerebral blood clot or hemorrhage that damaged the brain. Instead, Dr. DeVries found that emotional depression caused by the intense surgery and a lack of vitamins and minerals had caused the convulsions.

After recovering from that problem, Clark's blood pressure dropped suddenly on Dec. 14. It was discovered that the mitral valve on the left side of the Jarvik 7 artificial heart had failed. A piece of its metal frame had broken loose, allowing the disc that normally seals the filled ventricle to fall into it. Because the valve is built into the Jarvik 7, DeVries had to entirely replace the left ventricle.

Upon recovery from his third operation,



PLASTIC HEART: Diagram of a 1981 synthetic plastic heart implanted by Dr. Denton Cooley as a stopgap measure in a 36-year-old Dutch bus driver.

doctors proclaimed that Clark stood a "very, very good" chance of leaving the hospital. The possibility that Clark could leave the confines of his hospital room sometime in the future, brings to the foreground questions over the quality of life that is available to artificial heart recipients.

The Jarvik 7 mechanical heart in Clark's chest is named after the inventor, 36-year-old Robert Jarvik who's been working with Willem Kolff, inventor of the kidney dialysis machine, testing the heart in several hundred calves and sheep. Most animals implanted with artificial hearts stay alive until they outgrow the devices or develop infections at the point where the compressor air lines enter their chests. The record-holder is a calf who lived nine months before succumbing to infection.

An artificial heart must be able to pump at least seven liters of blood a minute with a smooth motion that won't damage blood cells. It must be no larger than a natural heart and the material it is composed of must not promote a formation of blood clots. And mechanically, the pump must be 100 percent reliable.

Clark's Jarvik 7 is run by puffs of air from an external compressor. The heart consists of two independent pumps, each containing a flexible diaphragm that sags as blood flows in and then responding to a gust of air from below, billows up to force the blood out. Two six-foot-long quarter-inch tubes emerge from the left side of the patient's abdomen just below the ribs and plug into a machine called a heart driver that regulates the flow of the air compressor.

If Clark leaves the hospital, his home will be equipped with a compressor that supplies

air to wall outlets, as well as air tanks that will take over during a power failure. To move around, Clark will have to push a 375-pound (169-kilogram) "shopping cart" that holds the heart driver and several back-up tanks.

Should Clark live long enough, he could one day be liberated from his "shopping cart." Utah researchers are working with a German firm on a portable heart driving system, including a compressor that is about the size of a camera bag. It runs on batteries for 12 hours, allowing the user to leave home. It has run well on tests with animals, and Dr. Jarvik predicts that they should be available to humans in two or three years.

The University of Utah medical team first applied to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in February 1981 for permission to use Jarvik 7 in humans. The university restricted the use of the heart to people who would otherwise die on the operating table after heart surgery and who were judged emotionally stable.

In June 1981, the University of Utah was still waiting for FDA permission when Dr. Denton Cooley of the Texas Heart Institute brought attention to the artificial heart. Without FDA approval, Cooley implanted an artificial heart similar to Jarvik 7 in the chest of a 36-year-old Dutch bus driver who could not be revived after bypass surgery. The heart kept Willembrordus Meuffels alive until a heart donor was found for transplantation. But Meuffels died a week after the transplant. Cooley was heavily criticized for acting without FDA consent, but DeVries thinks the move pressured the agency into approving the Utah application, which it did in September 1981.

DeVries later persuaded the university and

the FDA to broaden its guidelines to qualify for the artificial heart by including patients with progressive heart failure. Final FDA approval came in June 1982.

The artificial heart can save thousands of lives in the United States every year, but the equipment alone costs \$16,450 (\$R55,930) per patient. Surgery and hospitalization cost more than \$15,000 (\$R51,000).

The other side of the coin is the heart transplant technique, nearly 20 years old. Human heart transplants are routinely performed at a few elite medical institutions, with an impressive, improving success rate.

One-year survival rate has risen from 20 percent in the late 1960s to 70-80 percent today. Five-year survival is 40 percent. One Stanford University patient, 52, has remained alive for 12 years. He visits his doctor regularly, takes about 30 pills a day to control his blood pressure and to ward off rejection of the gift organ. He's said to be in reasonably good health and leads a fairly active life.

More than 500 persons in the United States have received new hearts since inception of the surgery technique 16 years ago when South African surgeon Christian Barnard did the world's first transplant. Doctors now are aided by new drugs that lessen the chance of rejection, particularly cyclosporine, which plays a key role in many patients being sent home.

Cooley, like many transplant surgeons, views the artificial heart as a temporary expedient to keep the patient alive until a donor organ can be found. Regarding permanent transplants, Cooley says flatly, "I wouldn't use them. I just don't think they offer heart patients a comfortable quality of life."

For the foreseeable future, Cooley said heart transplants "will be miles ahead of mechanical hearts."

U.K. research on leukemia

By John F. Webb

LONDON (LPS) — The largest-ever epidemiological study of cancers of the blood and lymph system, to be carried out in Britain over the next three years, will be aimed at unraveling the complex chain of events that are believed to trigger these diseases.

The work, lifestyle, medical history and environmental backgrounds of more than 1000 leukemia and lymphoma victims will be investigated by a team of researchers from Leeds University in northern England. Literally every new case occurring in the Yorkshire region will be studied.

All doctors and hospitals in the area, which has a population of 3.5 million, have agreed to cooperate in the project to ensure that the probe is the most complete ever undertaken. Blood and tissue samples will be tested at specially-equipped laboratories in Leeds to identify which of the many sub-types of the diseases is involved and all patients will be questioned in order to build up the fullest possible picture of their life, and exposure to potential risk factors.

Statistics suggest that the incidence of these cancers in Britain, and possibly other parts of the world, has doubled in the last 20 years. But it is thought that up to 80 percent of all cancers will be preventable once more is known about their cause.

Cancer studies indicate there are possible links between the disease and certain chemicals and solvents used in industry, and that drugs, other diseases and genetic factors may also play an important part.

Dr. Ray Cartwright, leader of the study, says: "One of the reasons that the cause or causes of cancers are so difficult to determine is that they are probably triggered by a complex chain of events, an interaction between different factors which it is almost impossible to unravel. And recent work in the United States has shown that a rare type of the disease known as T-cell leukemia-lymphoma could even be caused by a virus. We hope that the breadth of this study and the depth of computer analysis now available will reveal new clues about the other types."

The project costing \$24,15000 is being financed by Britain's Leukemia Research Fund.



POLLUTION: Propane gas polluting Bayou d'Arbonne, southeast of gasoline burns out of control.

U.S. fund slow in aiding victims of toxic fumes

By Eleanor Randolph

WASHINGTON (LAT) — What happens when poisonous chemicals seep into the foundations of a community, spreading hazardous fumes so pervasively that the only solution may be to junk an entire town?

Faced with just such a potential problem in Times Beach, Missouri — the riverside community where recent floods may have spread dangerous pockets of dioxin throughout homes, streets and gardens — government officials are dismayed to discover that new legislation intended to alleviate toxic chemical emergencies may offer little immediate aid to people in such trouble.

A \$1.6 billion fund, called Superfund, was established by Congress in 1980 to help victims of areas like Love Canal, where residents suddenly found their lives and property threatened by chemical wastes. But, as state and federal officials begin to sift through the untested regulations prepared recently by the Reagan administration, individuals who suddenly fear for their health and their homes are complaining that Superfund is slow in coming to their aid.

The cautious efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have drawn increasing criticism that the administration is hoarding the funds and putting bureaucratic stumbling blocks in the path of communities that believe they should have access to the relatively fat Superfund purse.

"The law says that EPA has authority for immediate work and immediate action when there is an imminent danger to public health or environment," James J. Florio, democrat, New Jersey said. "Every state we have dealt with, there has been foot-dragging. We made this law so that they could help people and then sue those responsible. I suspect that the real problem is that this administration does not want to sue companies and people in regards as its natural constituents."

Rita Lavelle, who is in charge of the EPA's Superfund program, bristles at such charges. She has said repeatedly during the last few months that the EPA is moving more slowly than some people want because "this time it will be done right." She argued that hastily drawn government regulations often become an incomprehensible muddle of rules and engineering regulations that are impossible for even some experts to understand.

Lavelle and her boss, EPA administrator Anne M. Gorsuch, announced last month that 418 priority trouble spots had been chosen for Superfund expenditures out of 14,000 abandoned sites across the country. EPA officials said that about \$179 million has been earmarked so far for cleaning up sites in this fiscal year, fencing them against intruders or carting away the lethal dioxin that has been left there, in some cases for decades.

However, Times Beach was not on the list of priority sites because the EPA had not found dioxin levels considered hazardous by federal health officials until after the list was issued. Officials from the centers for disease control told residents routed from their homes by a flood in early December not to return because dioxin levels might cause disease ranging from acne to cancer.

EPA officials said they must next complete extensive tests of dioxin levels at Times

Beach. Superfund executive officer Elaine Siskind said that the agency will not decide whether to undertake a massive clean-up until it knows the extent of the contamination.

At Times Beach that EPA officials will decide for the first time whether to use Superfund to re-locate a town — moving the residents' businesses, the tavern and the plumbing shop to some untainted location. And, although the law and regulations say it is possible, state and federal officials say that dealing with 12 federal agencies, the state government and local officials would create a regulatory nightmare for the townspeople.

"If I were in their shoes, the first thing I would do is hire a damn good lawyer," said Lester Brown, one of the authors of the recently published *Hazardous Waste in America*, of the people waiting for Superfund money in Times Beach.

Indeed, Dennis Lynch, who lives in nearby Imperial, Missouri, hired a lawyer in December to help him cope with "government gobbledey-gook and runaround" that started when he learned that his home was built on a mound of "poisonous dioxin."

"Everybody, EPA and the state, knew in 1974 that this house was on a dioxin dump, but they waited until about 9:30 or 10 p.m. (one night) last August to come to my home and tell me that they wanted us to know about the dioxin before it came out in the newspapers the next morning," said Lynch, who manages a flower shop in a shopping center south of St. Louis. "I asked them if I should move out and they said no," Lynch recalled, "about all they would say is, don't eat the dirt."

Dioxin, one of the most poisonous toxins created by man, is considered hazardous in the minuscule amount of one part of dioxin per billion parts of other substances. Dioxin residues were found to be 300 parts per billion near Lynch's home and about 900 parts per billion in areas nearby.

Lynch has said repeatedly that he wants the government to buy his home instead of offering him temporary relocation at an estimated cost of \$200 a day. At that rate, the homes of the six families living at the site — where dioxin was mixed with landfill — could easily be purchased by the federal government at prices established by owners of \$30,000 to \$50,000 each.

Our back-of-the-envelope estimate, for costs of relocation are \$75 million, Jim Webb, legislative assistant for Young, said. "We're hoping that Superfund would buy the homes and the corps of engineers would design another town, keeping the whole fabric of the city together."

Whether such money ultimately will be allocated, especially with a budget nationwide of \$221 million this year for all Superfund sites, may depend on the political stir that such areas can muster in Washington or by going to the courts for relief.

James N. Smith, a consultant on environmental matters and a former EPA official under the Jimmy Carter administration, said the EPA has the power to use emergency funds for areas like Times Beach. "But there are a lot of special caveats and catches in the rules so that, if they don't want to move forward, they don't really have to."

GALLBLADDER SURGERY



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Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn
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Dear Dr. Steincrohn: It seems every other person I speak to has, or has had, gallstones. During a routine examination a few weeks ago, X-rays showed that I'm no exception. I have stones, too. Even so, I have no symptoms whatever. Now the question comes up: shall I or shall I not have operation? How do you feel about it? — Mrs. B.

Dear Mrs. B.: It really comes down to how your doctors feel about it — and how you do. Some doctors advise operation as soon as the diagnosis has been made — symptoms or no symptoms. Others say, wait. Each case is a problem of its own, so you and your doctor will have to work it out. At times, I have advised operation; at others, I have suggested a wait and see attitude. Age, symptoms, physical condition — all come into play. You will be interested to know, Mrs. B., that about 25 million Americans have gallstones. At least half of these suffer symptoms like nausea, pain and indigestion. But the other half, like yourself, have "silent" stones. Complications may or may not arise later.

Every year, approximately half a million Americans have gallbladder surgery. It's the fifth most commonly performed operation in the United States. Usually it is not fatal, but relatively few suffer from some serious complications. The gallbladder itself is a pouchlike organ about 3-6 inches long and about 2 inches in diameter. It's connected to the liver by tubes called ducts. The hepatic duct (from the liver) and the cystic duct (from the gallbladder) combine to form the common bile duct which opens into the small intestine.

The gallbladder is a receptacle for the collection of bile which is a dark fluid containing bile salts, cholesterol, bilirubin and lecithin —

all essential in aiding digestion. In one day, the liver may produce as much as three cups of bile.

What happens when the gallbladder is removed (cholecystectomy)? The common duct may enlarge, acting as a reservoir for bile, or unconcentrated bile can flow directly from the liver into the intestine — apparently not interfering with normal digestion. Has your doctor advised operation, Mrs. B.? If in doubt, ask for another opinion. Consultation often makes good sense before agreeing to surgery.

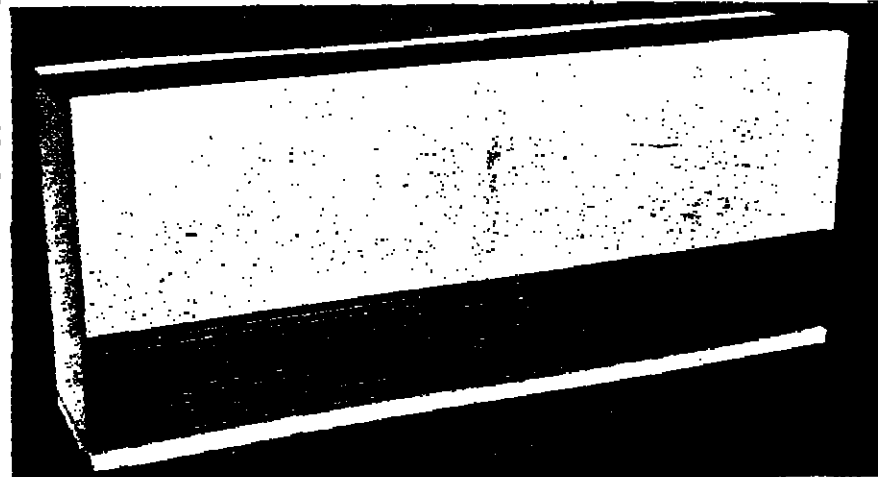
For Mr. T.: Sometimes we can point to the perpetrator of diarrhea. Then all there is to do, if due to a food indiscretion, is to wait a few hours for the body to rid itself of the food or infection-producing symptoms. Meanwhile, one should drink liquids to replace lost fluids. Proprietary medicines for diarrhea should not be used indefinitely. If diarrhea doesn't clear up within a few days, better check with your doctor.

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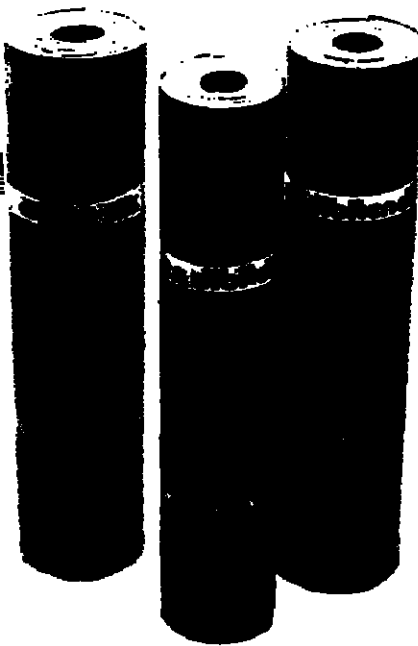
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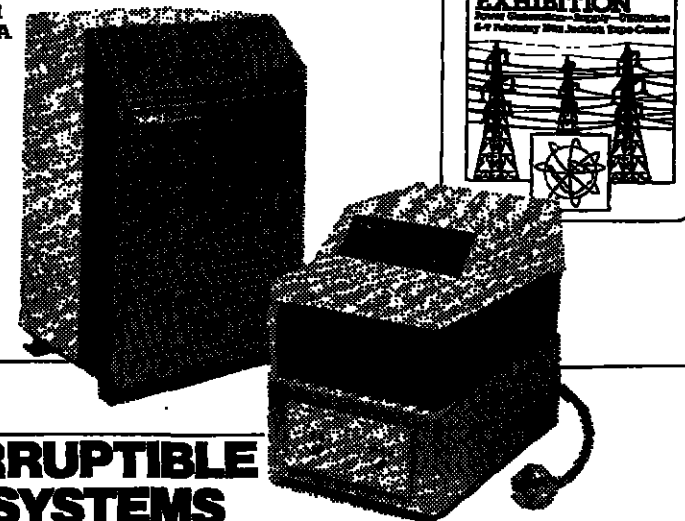
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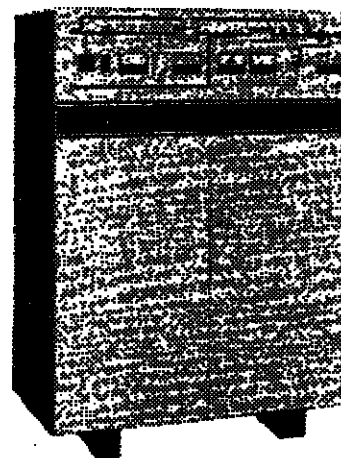
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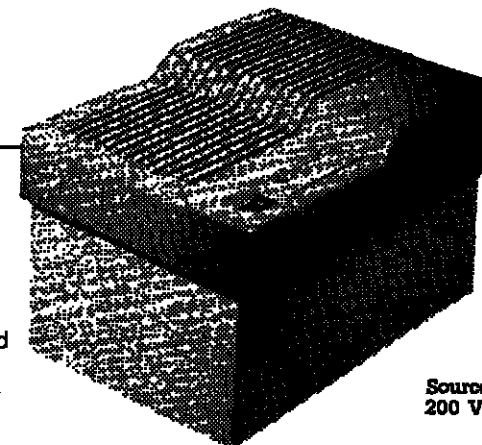
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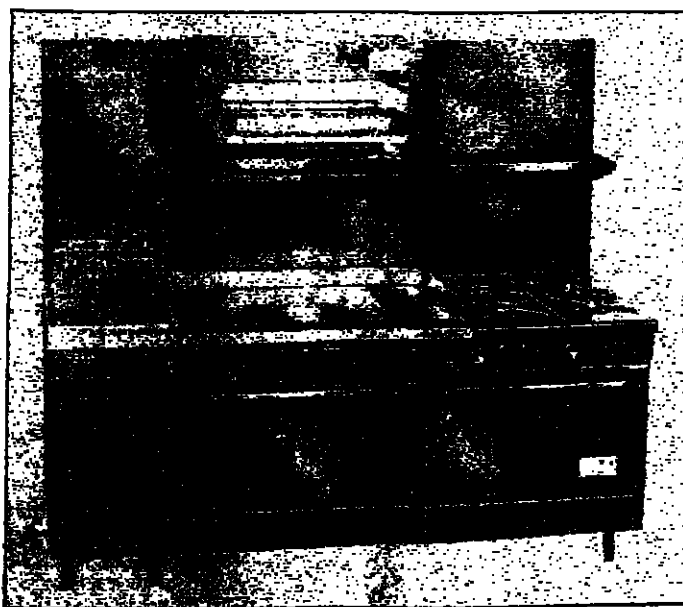
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Italian cartoonist irks political leaders

By Michael Sheridan

ROME (R) — When Amintore Fanfani succeeded Giovanni Spadolini as prime minister last December, an irascible dwarf took over the star role in the front-page cartoon of a prominent Italian newspaper and a tearful, fat baby with no clothes on was moved back to the supporting cast.

The wicked caricatures came from the pen of Giorgio Forattini, a cartoonist who, to the mortification of his famous victims, delights readers of the serious *La Stampa*.

Anyone who depicts Italy's leading politicians as dwarves, fat babies or, smug Machiavellis should beware, for he treads on the "bella figura" dear to the nation's public figures.

They like to be taken seriously and there are laws, quietly left on the statute book since the days of monarchy that make insulting an office or titleholder a risky business. But in Forattini's case, it seems, no holds are barred. It must have been something of a shock, nevertheless, for 75-year-old Prime Minister Fanfani to open his morning paper and see himself portrayed as an angry midget.

Just as uncomfortable, probably, as it was for Spadolini to be drawn invariably as a quivering mass of obese flesh on the verge of tears and nearly always stark naked.

It may just be good luck, but President Sandro Pertini, who is easily the country's most popular politician, gets off lightly, appearing as a mischievous, sprightly old man.

Forattini fans, however, detect just a slight note of comment in the way he treats his subjects.

Giulio Andreotti, for example, a Christian Democrat who has been prime minister five times, appears rubbing his hands craftily with a Machiavellian smile.

The balding, burly Socialist Party leader, Bettino Craxi, is given face contorted with scheming behind enormous owlish spectacles. Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer somehow emerges as bearing an uncanny resemblance to the late Leonid Brezhnev.

While political polemic is common in Italy, satire is not. The most turgid political wranglings and declarations are solemnly analyzed by state television and each party has its tame newspaper.

The comings and goings of politicians and the revolving door of the prime minister's office occupy hundreds of pages of highbrow comment.

In a recent look at how Forattini's subjects view his work, *La Stampa*, owned by Fiat boss Giovanni Agnelli, prefaced its findings with the observation that "our political classes are not used to satire." "Vain, irritable, cantankerous and insatiable" appeared to be Forattini's view of them, the paper said.

However, Christian Democrat Giulio Andreotti asserted that nobody, not even Forattini, could present him in a bad light, while Spadolini said he had always found himself perfectly portrayed.

Socialist leader Craxi said, through clenched teeth, that artistic liberty was a noble thing.



Camiguin Isle's unenviable fate

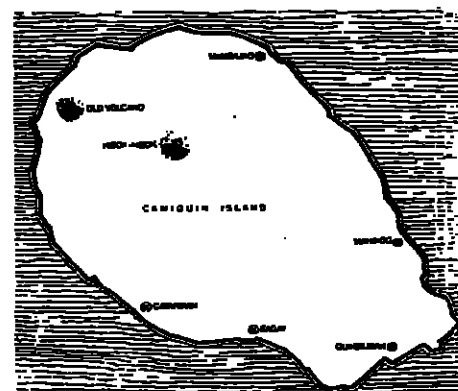
Living under the shadow of volcanoes

By Paul Icanina

MAMBAJAO, Philippines (Depthnews) — It has more volcanoes than it has towns. Five towns and seven volcanoes, two of them active, share pear-shaped Camiguin Island, all of 229 square kilometers — 14 kms at its widest — which makes the island the country's third smallest province. It is just off Northern Mindanao, in southern Philippines, about two hours by jet from Manila.

Only two hours of rough, unpaved road by passenger bus takes one around the whole island, past the 300-year-old watchtower built by Spanish *conquistadores* as a lookout against Muslim defenders from the south and some ruins left by an 1871 volcanic eruption. Near the ruins lies the ancient town cemetery now covered by the sea. Mount Tempung (1,580 meters) and Mount Mambajao (1,400 m.) dominate the mountainous island, connecting a forested saddle between them.

Nearby, the formidable Mount Hibok-Hibok (1,230 m.) is a daily reminder of the terror it can unleash. But all is quiet for the moment and life goes on in peace. But not for a team of volcanologists permanently stationed on the island, monitoring 24 hours a day tell-tale signs of a coming eruption. They constantly monitor earth



movements in surrounding areas, quick to note any abnormal behavior which may herald a major eruption. Instruments measure any tilting of the ground while temperature readings are made from holes drilled into the ground.

The last activity of Mount Hibok-Hibok started in August 1948 when a series of earthquakes was felt in its vicinity. The landslides and earthquakes which then occurred were climaxed by a volcanic outburst from its crater the following month. Until January 1952, the volcano was in more or less continual activity punctuated by eruptive phases.

Researches and observations made by the Commission on Volcanology (COMVOL) have concluded that Mount Hibok-Hibok follows a cycle of behavior. Every nine to 14 months, it emits smoke for short periods, followed by steam blasts which disgorge incandescent volcanic materials. The amount of smoke and materials that is ejected from the crater then decreases.

Hibok-Hibok Volcano, also called Catarman Volcano, has its top formed principally of loose ejectments. There are several craters at or near its crest, some actually shallow lakes. Before the 1948 eruption, the present crater area at the northeast slope facing Mambajao town was being mined for sulfur. Islanders are still eyeing the commercial potentials of sulfur deposits there and in other parts of the island.

Mambajao is a relatively young town in this ancient island. It was established as a *pueblo* (village) in 1855. Before the eruption of nearby Mount Vulcan in 1871, the center of economic activity was in old Catarman town, founded even earlier in 1679. In the 1871 eruption, half the town sank into the Mindanao Sea.

Mount Vulcan, now limited to small steam emissions from crevices at the top of its dome, is unique in volcanology (the study of volcanoes). It is one volcano whose growth and development have been witnessed and recorded by man, dating back to the consistent and painstaking note-taking of Spanish.

A volcanic explosion in 1871 brought showers of rocks, dust, ashes and destruction within a radius of over three kilometers from a new vent 13.5 kms from Mount Hibok-Hibok. The eruption continued for a week, and a volcanic dome began to form, reaching a height of 457 m. in four years. The dome is now called Mount Vulcan.

The first recorded eruption of nearby Mount Hibok-Hibok was in 1827, followed by another in 1862. Its last activity started in 1948, with a steam blast about three-fourths up its northeastern slope. Clouds generated by the eruption enveloped Mambajao town in suffocating blackness. In December 1951, a glowing cloud made of highly heated ash, volcanic debris and gases was seen near its top.

The glowing cloud and volcanic gases cascaded down toward Mambajao with a swiftness that caught the town helpless, claiming 500 lives. Trees were blown down and charred, and people caught along the cloud's path were mummified. Houses enveloped in the swiftly descending and expanding high-temperature cloud (about 800 degrees Celsius) burst into flames. The thick ash laid down after a few days was unbearably hot to the touch.

This is the reason why the COMVOL takes Mount Hibok-Hibok seriously. The Philippines is an archipelago of volcanoes. 37 of them active enough to merit COMVOL's daily attention, and most are within spitting distance of population centers. The Philippines forms part of the so-called circum-Pacific "belt of fire," which can be traced back north in the wastelands of Alaska, down Japan, the Philippines, and then to Indonesia's Krakatoa, perhaps one of the more famous volcanoes because of the terror

and violence it unleashed in the last century. The COMVOL was established after the Mount Hibok-Hibok eruption in late 1951 when 600 people perished and farmlands and houses were devastated. Before then, the country did not have any system to monitor volcanoes and predict their eruption.

Today, the COMVOL boasts of being able to predict two days before a coming eruption. The COMVOL also started studying the country's geothermal (earth heat) potential where heat trapped underneath volcanoes is released to power electric plants. About 25 potential sites have been identified. Even if only a tenth can be tapped, it is more than enough to supply energy for several generations. The Philippines is next to the United States in producing geothermal energy and it is expected to be the world's top user by 1985.

The most well-known volcanoes in the country are Mount Mayon and Taal, both because of their beauty and anger. Near Mount Mayon, the country's most active volcano 330 kms southeast of Manila, is the Tiwi geothermal plant, the world's largest. About 8,000 feet above sea level, Mount Mayon fans out in all directions, downslope, covering about 250 square kilometers, or roughly 10 percent of Albay province. The entire mass resembles an inverted cone, almost perfect in its symmetry which has made it world famous.

That it has a very symmetrical form indicate its eruptions came from the same central vent. The eruptions which occur about once every 10 years is typically "volcanian," or explosive. The COMVOL has two permanent stations, one on its slopes, another halfway up. Another, or several stations, are added during eruptions.

A seismograph, or an earth movement detector, monitors the volcano every minute while a tiltmeter measures ground inclination resulting from volcanic pressure below. Monthly magnetic survey around the base helps volcanologists detect changes in magnetic intensities caused by volcanic heat. Periodic aerial surveys are made around the crater while occasional mountain climbers report on what's up.

About 60 kms south of Manila is Taal Volcano — one of the lowest in the world, its main crater just six meters above sea level. It is actually an island in the middle of Taal Lake and the creation of a smaller lake from a past eruption in the island has given the place the unique reputation of having a lake within a lake.

Tourism high on the list of Dhaka's priorities

By William Claiborne

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh (WP) — It may never be high on the list of the Club Med set, but Bangladesh — one of the poorer countries in the world — had begun a serious campaign to lure foreign tourists.

Despite a \$245 million budget deficit last year, Bangladesh is considering whether it can pay the interest on its \$4 billion foreign debt, the martial-law government of Lt. Gen. Hussain Muhammad Ershad has ordered that "due priority" be given to tourism development.

During a tour of this incongruous seaside resort, which boasts South Asia's longest beach, Ershad in January dedicated a posh, government-built hotel and pledged to provide more facilities throughout the country to attract foreign tourists.

He said the tourism industry would be fostered as one of the country's main sources of foreign exchange, although he did not specify exactly what would compel tourists to travel to Bangladesh.

So far sightseers have not exactly inundated Bangladesh, where 80 percent of the 90 million people live below the poverty line, and where per-capita income is \$180.

M. Shaikat Islam, a retired air force captain who is chairman of the Bangladesh Tourist Corporation, said in an interview that last year nine tour groups visited Bangladesh. He hoped 20 groups would visit this year.

Precise figures on the total number of tourists here are difficult to pin down, he said, because the 64,000 persons who entered Bangladesh last year on tourist visas included businessmen, voluntary agency workers and foreigners visiting relatives, and many therefore do not generate much tourism income.

Idyllic travel posters depicting lush, green fields more akin to the average tourist's vision of Ireland than of Bangladesh urge, "visit Bangladesh before the tourists come."

When asked whether the tourism drive had prompted much debate over the ordering of national priorities in Bangladesh — where, by the gloomy projection of Finance Minister A.M.A. Muhi, "millions of people will die young from malnourishment" — Shaikat said Ershad's backing was evidence enough of the government's commitment.

"I think definitely he will help us. I'm counting on it," he said. He added that he is hoping for a generous increase this year in the tourist development corporation's \$1.5 million budget.

Ershad, in a speech dedicating the hotel to the Shaikat, said that he had ordered construction of new roads to Bangladesh's principal tourist sites, and that the government was considering expanding air links to this resort town, which was founded in 1798 by Capt. Hiram Cox of the East India Co.

Cox's Bazar, with about 40 miles of coconut palm-lined beaches on the blue waters of the Bay of Bengal near where the southern edge of Bangladesh meets Burma, is a crowded dusty city with a mixed population of Bengali and Burmese-speaking natives.

Although the resort area is undergoing frenetic development, with a half dozen hotels and guest houses available, it does not seem overrun by tourists. The Shaikat appeared mostly deserted, except for a few British tourists who wandered into the lounge to see Ershad's arrival.

One explanation for the vacancies could be the tortuous four-hour drive from Chittagong on roads that have repeatedly been washed away by the floods and typhoons that periodically strike the coast. Small commuter planes connect Chittagong and Cox's Bazar twice weekly.

Bangladesh attractions — besides Cox's Bazar and Chittagong, a sprawling port called the "green city" — include Mogul ruins, Mainamati, 5 miles west of Comilla, is a center of impressive archaeological ruins. Dacca, the capital founded in 1608 during the period of Mogul greatness, has become an overcrowded, deteriorating city but still boasts many impressive mosques.

French cartoon films

By Daniel Flamant

PARIS (RFP) — "The seventh art B" — this is the title given in France to the cartoon or animated film. It's a curious title, since in fact it's the live-action film which was the ancestor of the live-action film, and not vice versa. The first moving pictures, around the end of last century, were all drawn.

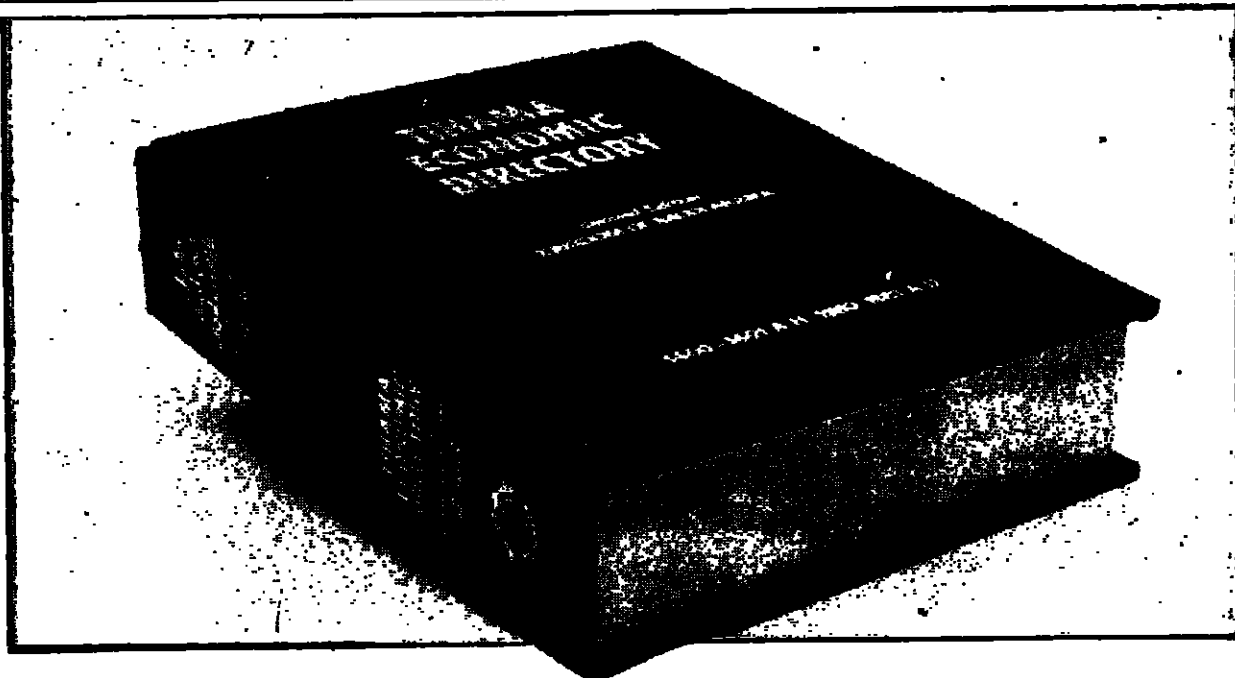
Paris was the home of the first great cartoon-film shows in the country. One of the pioneers in this field was Emile Raynaud, a young natural-science teacher from Puy, who, in 1876, used a film-projected drawing to explain the solar system to his pupils. He continued his film adventure by inventing the "Praxinoscope", whose method of working, with a candle and a lampshade, is described in an advertisement prospectus of the time. This apparatus "allies movement, the illusion of relief and the attraction of the background", according to the prospectus, which announces proudly that this optical toy had already been sold in more than 100,000 copies.

A patent was accorded to Emile Raynaud in January 1889, for the creation of the "Optical theater". This invention brought film fame, showing to the audience at the

Musee Grevin in Paris, from 1892 to 1900, his "Pantomimes lumineuses" or cartoon films lasting some 15 minutes, made up of several hundred pictures in color.

The second forerunner of this "seventh art B" was Emile Cohl, who thought of the principle of taking films "frame by frame" and who made the first cartoon film with his invented character "Fantochse". A document shows his original design for this first "frame by frame" camera. The visitor can then admire the many drawings, sketches, backgrounds, "cells", picture frames, unmovable fragments of this special artistic creation, which uses thousands of images to reproduce movement, at a rate of 24 frames per second. All this was on display at a recent exhibition in Paris. Visitors were also shown a big photo with caption of the studio of Arcady, the expert in trick photography and special effects, enabling them to understand the complexity of the techniques used, since an electronic brain named "Mara" is needed to use all the possibilities of the machinery.

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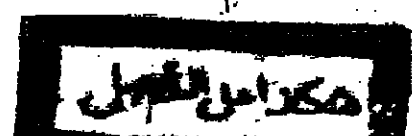
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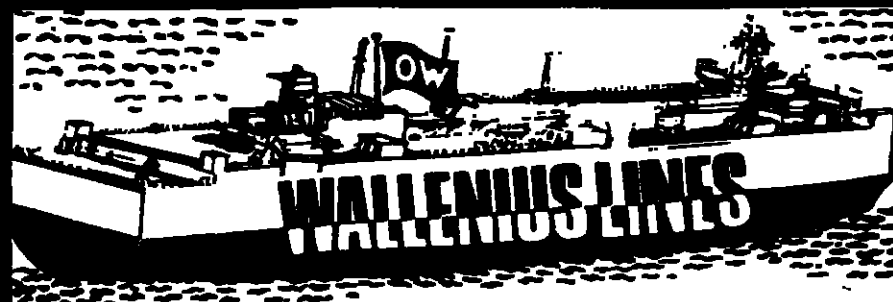
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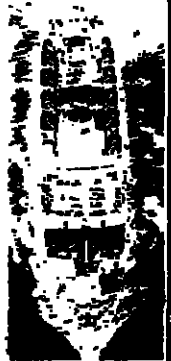
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U.K. disarmers rap new pact

Cruise to be tested on Canadian soil

OTTAWA, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Canada and the United States Thursday signed an umbrella defense agreement that paves the way for testing of unarmed U.S. Cruise missiles on Canadian soil.

Canadian External Affairs Minister Allan Rock, giving details of the five-year deal, said separate pacts would be negotiated for each defense system the United States wanted to test, ranging from artillery equipment to the ground-hugging Cruise. Pentagon officials are keen to test the Cruise over the frozen flatlands of northern Alberta because the cold lake testing site there resembles Soviet terrain.

The United States is to pay for all testing and under Thursday's agreement, no nuclear, biological or chemical warfare materials may be brought into Canada. The Cruise proposal has sparked controversy in Canada where a recent opinion poll showed that 52 percent of those questioned opposed the testing of the cigar-shaped missile. A "refuse-the-Cruise" rally drew 15,000 protesters to Ottawa last year.

McCleachen, explaining to reporters the agreement signed in Washington Thursday

New leak delays Challenger

CAPE CANAVERAL, Feb. 11 (AP) — The U.S. space agency said Thursday it may have to again postpone the scheduled maiden flight of the shuttle Challenger because a new \$30 million rocket engine probably has a leak.

The mission may be put off until at least mid-March if the engine has to be replaced, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said. The new engine was brought here a week ago to replace one that had a hairline crack that could have let hydrogen escape and start a flash fire during launch.

The launch originally was scheduled for late January but the hydrogen leak puzzled engineers for about six weeks and led to sev-

\$ 62b U.S. defense cut held possible

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Congress could reduce the United States' military spending by \$4.1 billion in 1984 and \$62.8 billion over the next five years by replacing expensive weaponry with less costly arms that still would assure national security, the Congressional Budget Office said Thursday.

The CBO's alternative to the defense budget of President Ronald Reagan outlined a host of other savings that could be made, including canceling a navy fighter plane and deactivating an army division. On the revenue side, it said canceling the third phase of Reagan's three-year, 25 percent income tax-cut would give \$30 billion.

The CBO, which helps the Congress pre-

pare the federal budget, made its recommendations in a new report on ways to reduce the large U.S. budget deficits projected for the coming years. Reagan has stood firm against any major cuts in defense spending as an undue risk to national security despite pressure from Congress that some military cuts be made to help reduce the deficits.

The CBO report suggested 13 specific ways to slow military spending growth, mainly by eliminating costly strategic weapons systems. If the land-based MX missile system were eliminated and replaced with a new family of missiles intended for trident nuclear submarines \$23.2 billion would be saved over the next five years, the CBO said.

He gave no timetable for the possible testing of Cruise missiles on Canadian territory but officials have said this could start by next winter.

Meanwhile, Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament protested to Canada Friday over its agreement with the United States.

eral new liftoff dates, the latest of which was early March. Technicians were trying to track down the leak in the new engine in a liquid oxygen heat exchanger, NASA said in a statement.

If a leak is found, the engine can be replaced or one can be borrowed from the veteran shuttle Columbia, Kennedy Space Center spokesman Jim Ball said.

The leak which can signify a hole, a crack, an opening in a joint or some other defect was detected by a pressurization test with helium. Meanwhile, space officials decided to go ahead and load propellants into the NASA communications satellite to be carried into orbit by Challenger.

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EX-GUARDS TESTIFYING: Former Red Guards Patrizio Peci (l) and Antonio Savasta (r) who turned informers and whose evidence led to the arrest of dozens of terrorists in Italy, are seen testifying Thursday during their trial at Genoa. Savasta was the organizer of the kidnapping of U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier in Verona last year.

Naples protestors condemn brutal killings by Mafia

NAPLES, Feb. 11 (R) — Tens of thousands of workers, students, shopkeepers and churchmen marched through the decaying streets of Naples Friday in the biggest protest against organized crime seen in the Mafia strongholds of southern Italy.

Trade unions called an eight-hour general strike in the Naples region, schools closed for the day and students from all over Italy joined the procession, estimated by police at 50,000 strong, through this crime-ridden port where the murder rate is running this year at almost one a day. Over 250 persons died violently here last year as warring factions of the Camorra, the local Mafia, battled for power.

"People have reached a turning point — we must go forward or slump back into resignation," local bishop Don Antonio Riboldi said as he walked at the head of the chanting

Storms, snowfall paralyze U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — A storm plastered the eastern coast of the United States with more than a foot (3 meters) of snow Friday, closing schools, snarling traffic and forcing residents to stock up on food.

In Hawaii, waves as high as 35 feet high (10-m) slammed into its beaches, injuring six tourists. In southern Florida, residents braced themselves as thunderstorms and tornadoes rolled through. In Virginia, where 14 inches (35-cms) of snow had fallen by morning in Roanoke and Richmond, already had 11 inches (27-cms) on the ground with more coming down, a truck carrying drums of a toxic chemical overturned on a snow-covered mountain road in bland county near the west Virginia line.

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crowd. Anna Maria, a 14-year-old Naples schoolgirl marching with her friend Anna and their classmates, said "we know our city is strangled by brutality. This is for our future."

Hundreds of schoolchildren carried hand-painted placards as they walked in torrential rain beside steelworkers, whose huge red banners fluttered in a biting wind whipping in from the bay. One small girl held a card reading "we want a better world."

Even as the march was under way, police fought a gun battle on the outskirts of Naples with three gangsters who hijacked an international container lorry and kidnapped the driver. One of the gunmen, 24-year-old Francesco Perroni, was later in a critical condition in a city hospital. Police said they freed the driver unharmed and the other gunmen fled.

was predicting accumulations of 12 inches (30-cms), closing all public schools. Washington's national airport opened 15 minutes late because of drifting snow and some flights were postponed, but it closed again to allow plows to clear the runways, with plans to reopen later.

Tom Crosby, a spokesman for the American Automobile Association in Washington criticized the federal and local governments for opening their offices, saying roads were too dangerous. Cold air moved into the northeast ahead of the predicted storm, and stillwater reservoir in New York's Adirondack Mountains reported a low of 29 degrees below zero (-32 Celsius) on Thursday.

In Hawaii, one Canadian tourist was hospitalized Thursday night after a large wave swept her under a parked car on Oahu, police said. A hospital spokesman, who would not identify the victim, said she was in guarded condition. Five other Canadians were released after treatment for minor injuries in the same accident, said civil defense spokesman Wes Young. "We think it's the highest surf since 1969," when 50-foot (15-m) waves were recorded, said Norman Thomas, a weather service forecaster in Honolulu.

Four weeks before elections

Bavaria to probe Vogel's links with housing scheme

MUNICH, Feb. 11 (R) — The right-wing dominated Bavarian state legislature has decided to investigate an alleged speculative building affair in Munich which occurred while West Germany's opposition leader was mayor of the city.

The legislature, headed by the right-wing Christian Social Union (CSU), agreed Thursday to appoint a committee to investigate the building affair and to discover if opposition leader Hans-Jochen Vogel was involved. The decision by the CSU, a partner in the conservative West German government, came less than four weeks before national elections in which Vogel will be Social Democratic (SPD) candidate for chancelor.

U.K. minister dies after heart attack

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Junior Government Minister Cael Roberts collapsed with a heart attack while speaking in the House of Commons Thursday night and a member said he died shortly after being rushed by ambulance to Westminster Hospital.

Roberts, 55, a parliamentary undersecretary of state for Wales in Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, was speaking at the end of a debate on Wales when he suddenly slumped to the floor of the chamber. Roger Thomas and Maurice Miller, two

Walesa to testify for third day

WARSAW, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Former Solidarity leader Lech Walesa will testify before the military court for a third time Saturday, his wife, Danuta, said Friday in a telephone message from their home in Gdansk.

Mrs. Walesa said her husband told her this when he left the tribunal after giving evidence Friday. Journalists waiting outside the court did not speak with the Solidarity leader.

Walesa, 39, told reporters when he arrived at the military-guarded building in central Warsaw for the second day that he had been forbidden to talk about the questioning until the investigation had been completed. The questioning concerned a case against Jacek Kuron and other prominent

Vogel, mayor of Munich for 12 years until 1972, has already denied that he had any knowledge of any speculative activities concerning a huge housing estate that was built outside Munich while he was in office. The "Neuperlach" estate was developed in the 1960s and 1970s by the trades union-owned Neue Heimat housing concern on land bought from a real estate firm called Terrafinanz.

A report released by an independent accounting company last month said Terrafinanz bought the land cheaply and sold it at an enormous profit to Neue Heimat. It also said that the then chairman of Neue Heimat was a co-founder of Terrafinanz and retained a stake in the real estate firm until 1972.

members of the opposition Labor Party with doctors' qualifications, rushed from their seats to help him, ripping open his shirt and listening to his chest. Roberts was carried from the chamber on a stretcher.

The government's chief floor manager in the House, Michael Jopling, told reporters afterward that Thatcher, who was not in the chamber at the time, and Speaker George Thomas were "extremely distressed at this terrible news. The House of Commons is totally stunned."

members of the now-disbanded Workers

Defense Committee (KOR) who were arrested last September on charges of trying to overthrow the state by force. Kuron and others accused top advisers to Solidarity. He questioned the ruling that he could not speak publicly until the investigation ended. "Our legal advisers are looking into whether this order is compatible with the law," he said.

The official Polish news agency PAP reported in a one paragraph story that Walesa was questioned in the case of Jacek Kuron and four other members of "KOR." The other accused "KOR" members are Henryk Wujcik, also a member of Solidarity's elected national coordinating commission, Adam Michnik, Jan Lipski and Jan Litwinski.

French steps up security for Barbie

LYONS, France, Feb. 11 (R) — French authorities have stepped up security around former Nazi officer Klaus Barbie, because they fear he may commit suicide before being tried for crimes against humanity, informed sources said.

They said some 200 security police were patrolling outside the grim Montmirail Military Jail and Barbie, a Gestapo chief in Lyons from 1942 to 1944, was being moved to different cells twice a day. The sources said the authorities were concerned that the 69-

year-old former Nazi might try to kill himself before his trial, not expected before a year. Barbie, who was brought to France last weekend after being expelled from Bolivia, is due to be moved soon, probably at night for security reasons, to the isolation wing of another Lyons prison, according to the sources.

The return of France's most wanted war criminal has already reawakened old controversies among the French over their behavior under occupation.

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